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St. John's Church adopted the policy last spring and insists that such candidates for membership must have been sprinkled or affused after belief in Christ as Savior.

Myers Park Church makes no such distinction and has had a virtual open membership policy since 1949.

During the three hours of debate, several attempts were made to sidetrack the vote. One would have made the amendment a constitutional change requiring a two-thirds vote instead of majority approval necessary for a bylaws amendment.

Another attempt would have expressed disapproval of the two churches' practices but would have taken no punitive action. Still another motion would have adjourned the meeting without any action at all.

The bylaws amendment as offered by H. L. Ferguson, pastor of Thomasboro Baptist Church in Charlotte, got the final approval on a simple majority after sharp disagreement over whether it should be a constitutional amendment or a bylaw change.

Robert Lasater, associate minister at St. John's Church, argued that it must be an amendment to the constitution "which determines the nature of the organization." Saying the measure as a bylaw change was out of order, Lasater argued: "You cannot amend your constitution by bylaw."

Ferguson countered by saying that only the bylaws of the association list rules of affiliation.

The messengers ruled that the amendment could be to the bylaws. The decision was crucial since the 214 votes for the amendment represented only 62 per cent of the total.

Speaking for his amendment, Ferguson argued that the issue was not local church autonomy or the exercise of ecclesiastical authority by the association. The issue, he said, is whether or not the association

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Baptists In New England In New Organization

BRUNSWICK, Maine (BP) — The New England Baptist Association meeting here voted to split into three smaller associations and band together in a new organization they called the General Association of Baptists in New England.

The presentation will be given under direction of the BSU organizations of MSCW and Mississippi State University.

It contains 20 original religious folk songs, drama, comedy and monologues. It will have accompaniment by various types of instruments and the singing group from the two schools will number well over 100.

Vaughn Will Direct

Billy Vaughan, minister of music of First Baptist Church, Columbus will direct, assisted by Joe Ray Underwood, BSU choir director at Mississippi State and the BSU directors of the two schools, Miss Gail Elrod and Harold Guley.

Other features will include a series of simultaneous conferences, reports from 1867

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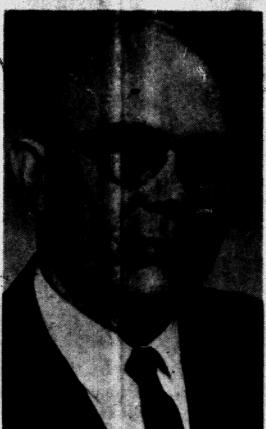
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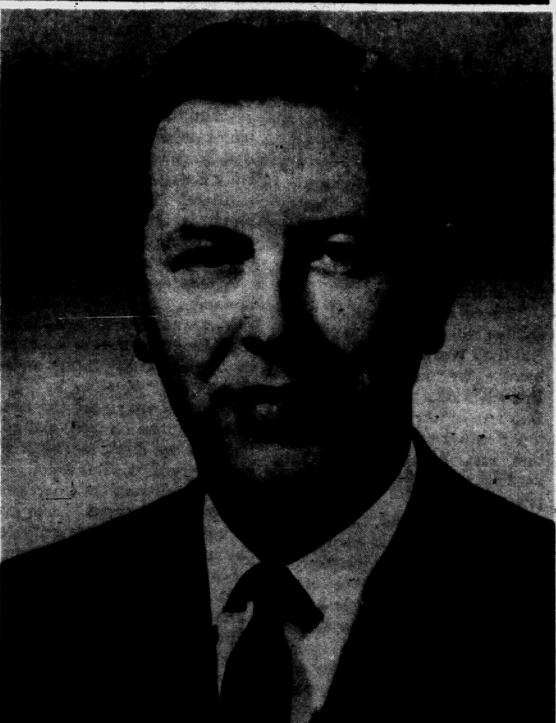
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LEADING SPEAKERS SET FOR CONVENTION

A large number of outstanding speakers will be featured at the annual meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, planned for Jackson, Nov. 14-16.

Featured will be the president of the Southern Baptist Convention, Dr. H. Franklin Paschall, and the pastor of the convention's largest church, Dr. W. A. Criswell.

Dr. Paschall, pastor of Nashville's First Baptist Church, will be the featured speaker at Tuesday evening's session.

Dr. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church-Dallas, will bring the closing inspirational message at the Thursday afternoon session at the First Baptist Church and will also be the featured speaker for the annual youth night session Thursday evening in the Mississippi Coliseum.

Dr. C. E. Autrey, director of the Division of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, will deliver the principal address at the Tuesday afternoon session.

A native Mississippian, Dr. David Q. Byrd, pastor of West Jackson Baptist Church, Jackson, Tenn., will bring the closing inspirational message

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State Men To 'Make' Gold Coast Crusade

Over 1,000,000 people live in the Greater Miami area, with over one-half of those being non-evangelicals, according to Mr. Howell.

He said that the activities of the laymen will include visitation, personal witnessing, testimonies, messages before the churches, appearances before civic groups and the enlistment of men in soul-winning.

At least two visiting men will be assigned to each participating church or mission to

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A Christian's Equipment

By Harold D. Scott, Pastor, Byhalia Ephesians 6:11

I amaz when I try to picture the vast amount of equipment man has invented. There is equipment for almost every job. If there isn't, just give man some time and he will develop and build the equipment to do the job, better and faster.

The Christian needs equipment to do his work. For spiritual work, he needs spiritual equipment.

The Christian's work is actually a warfare, a fight for the hearts of men. There are two powers striving for men's hearts, the power of God and the power of Satan. The Christian, as the child of God, is fighting Satan. The only way the Christian can win for God is to use the equipment God has made available for him.

The Apostle Paul, in writing to the Ephesians, reminds them of the warfare and the equipment. He calls it the armour of God. Here the Christian is compared to a soldier who must put on armour for the battle.

Life is seen to be a battle. The enemies are manifold. It is not against flesh and blood that the Christian fights. The foes are spiritual characters. How is one to withstand the assault of so many? Paul said there was one way, by becoming "strong in the Lord," and the strength of his might."

I. BUCKLE ON THE BELT OF TRUTH. In Oriental warfare the belt is all-important. It binds the soldier into a unity and makes him feel compact and firm. Truth, which is God's truth in man, is what gives compactness to our whole being. When Jesus is realized as the embodied "truth," when He is felt to be dwelling within us, then we gain unity and strength.

II. HAVE ON THE COAT OF INTEGRITY. The Christian is to have a spirit of righteousness. There is a divine righteousness coming into us and filling our being. The integrity of our every action can stand the test. It is to be "God-like" in all our attitudes.

III. LET THE SHOES ON YOUR FEET BE THE GOSPEL OF PEACE. The Christian has ceased to be self-centered. The gospel of peace is to be sent around the world. We want to see the progress of peace in the world. We are never so safe as when the safety of others has become our greatest concern. To be on firm footing we must have the gospel of peace. To have the gospel we must be at peace with God.

IV. LET THE SHIELD OF FAITH QUENCH ALL ASSAULTS OF SATAN. Satan appeals to passion and through the appetites. Nothing but faith can vanquish him. As we live by faith in God through Jesus Christ who rules the universe and dwells within us, Satan finds himself defeated.

V. TAKE SALVATION FOR A HELMET. Faith is to lead us to the assurance of salvation. If soldiers believe themselves destined to be victorious, they will strain every nerve to make themselves so. When we have the assurance of victory through our indwelling Lord, we can do valiant things for him.

VI. LET THE WORD OF GOD BE THE CHRISTIAN'S OFFENSIVE WEAPON. This is the sword which he is to lay around his life. The Bible is a powerful weapon. It cuts men to the heart. There is no other such discernment of the thoughts and intents of men's hearts. The Christian who masters the Word of God will be most powerful among his fellows.

VII. LET THE ATTITUDE OF THE CHRISTIAN BE A PRAYERFUL LIFE. The Christian is not to fight the battle of life in his own power. He receives power and strength through prayer.

Meredith Trustees OK Cooperation, Tuition Hike

RALEIGH, N. C. (BP)—Trustees of Meredith College (Baptist) here voted to increase tuition fees, student aid, and faculty salaries next year, and proposed that the number of trustees be increased from 28 to 36, provided the Baptist State Convention approves.

The board also gave a green light to planning ventures that will expand an inter-institutional cooperation program this year between the Baptist school and neighboring colleges and universities.

\$2,100 Minimum Pay Is Urged For Pastors

CARMENTHENE, Wales (RNS) — A ministerial study commission of the Welsh Baptist Union proposed a minimum annual wage of at least \$2,100 for pastors at the Union's annual assembly here.

Some Welsh pastors, the commission said, now receive as little as \$1,310, and a few receive as much as \$2,800.



PROVIDENCE CELEBRATES 149TH ANNIVERSARY

By Mrs. Estelle B. Harris
Providence Church of Lebanon Association celebrated its 149th anniversary, Sunday, Oct. 1.

The pastor, Rev. Robert Jones, preached the morning message. John W. Davis, minister of music, directed special music.

The noon day meal was served on the church grounds with members bringing picnic baskets. Fellowship followed with former members, new members, and visitors getting acquainted and reminiscing.

Church History
On Saturday, Oct. 3, 1818, an assembly of people met at a new place on Johnson's Mill creek, in Lawrence County (now Providence Creek in Forrest County) for the purpose of organizing themselves into a Baptist church. Their first building was of logs, with a wide open fireplace in one

end. A picture of this building hangs in the vestibule of the present building.

Mississippi history reflects the fact that it was not only a place of worship, but was as well a place of instruction for the learning of the three R's.

The following named members were in the organization of the church and composed what is known as the charter members; Rev. Norwell Robertson, Sr., Sally Robertson, Stephen Lee, Sally Lee, Seth Granberry, Jane Granberry, George Granberry, and Martha Granberry.

The church had strict requirements for membership and the maintenance of fellowship in olden days. If a male member were absent from Conference (Saturday afternoon) someone was sent to ascertain the cause of his absence. A continuation of ab-

sence was cause of exclusion. The killing of a deer on Sunday that had been wounded on Saturday was a consideration on one conference day. This brother was forgiven at the time, but the church excluded him later for overcharging a brother for some potato plants!

Sociables, parties, dancing, drinking, were practices that were strictly forbidden and the cause for many explanations and exclusions from the church in former days.

This writer is a daughter of a former church clerk, the late G. A. Burkett; remember reading the minutes of the very first organization. These writings were written in long hand, of English script. These records are preserved for safe keeping.

Descendants of the charter members are very active in Providence Church today.

WILLIAM CAREY COLLEGE HOMILETICS PROFESSOR, Dr. B. F. Smith (left), and ministerial students, Tommy Gilder and Wayne DuBose, prepare to move into place five pieces of pulpit furniture recently donated to the school by the Magnolia Street Church, Laurel. The furniture, replaced by new at the Laurel church, was gratefully received by the Homiletics Department as added equipment for the preparation of ministerial students. It will be used in the classroom to simulate a church platform situation. Dr. Smith is currently serving as interim pastor for the Magnolia Street Church.

REVIVAL DATES



RCA recording artist, song leader; Dr. Allen Webb, pastor.

Friendship, Natches: October 23-29; services at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Lavelle Entrekin, evangelist; Rev. Archie Ezell, pastor; homecoming day was held Oct. 22, with dinner on the grounds.

McLaurin Heights, Jackson: October 29-November 5; Rev. S. W. Valentine, pastor of Southside Church, Jackson, evangelist; Tom Larrimore, singer; Rev. J. C. Renfroe, pastor.

"The Cooperative Program provides all that other methods of kingdom financing provide and something more. It not only provides money for the support of kingdom causes, but it provides distinctive advantages — the something more is the stewardship of money." — Courts Redford



DUCK HILL CHURCH recently broke ground for the construction of an addition to the present building. Many guests and former members were present for the dinner on the grounds. The two oldest members (members for 61 years) present were C. A. Wilkins and Mrs. Eva Hill, and the youngest member present was Roxanne Stewart. Mrs. Charlie Able, wife of a deceased deacon, received recognition, as her husband was the first to donate to the building fund. Shown above, left to right: Houston Bennett, building superintendent; J. M. Leigh, Curtis Riley, Norman Ezell, Mrs. Bob Lancaster (with shovel), Dewey Lancaster, Mrs. L. L. Branscomb, Jr., Elma Branch, Rev. Donnie Stewart, pastor, E. B. Wray, Jr., and O. W. Scott.

Names In The News

Rev. Ernest Steelman of Route 3, Sunnall, has moved to Louisiana. His new address is 1806 Shady Grove Blvd., Bossier City, La., 71010.

The Comforter

By W. Guy Henderson
When I first saw the mother she was bending over the bed of her little child in the Baptist hospital in Pusan, Korea. The two-year-old was very sick. I talked with her about God and then went on to visit other patients.

An hour or so later I passed the room again. They had taken the baby to an oxygen tank. The mother was kneeling, her eyes tightly closed, her hands resting on the warm bed where the child had lain.

Over and over she called on the Lord. Tears rolled from her cheeks, over her wrinkled hands, and onto the clean white sheet.

I wanted to comfort her, to say something that would give courage and hope. But how presumptuous to think I could comfort her when she was talking with the Comforter. I was grateful she had found God and even then knelt at his throne.

A few minutes later they came to tell her the child was dead. She sat stunned for a moment and then resumed praying.

Again, I wanted to interrupt—but caught myself.

Quietly I closed the door.

Rev. W. Guy Henderson, of Forest, Miss., is a Southern Baptist missionary in Pusan, Korea.

Rev. and Mrs. John W. Merritt, missionaries to Italy, have moved to Milan, where they do evangelistic work. (They may be addressed, Via Dario Papa 8-33, Milan, Italy.)

He is a native of the Hattiesburg, Miss., area; she, the former Elizabeth Pope, was born in Mobile, Ala., and grew up in Chicora, Miss.

Dr. John B. Falconer, of Mississippi and Liberia, was evangelist for an open-air rally at Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania, Africa, on September 22. The rally, attended by between 1,000 and 1,200 people, was a part of the preparation for Baptists' "New Life For You" crusade in Tanzania, Kenya, and Uganda during October.

Mrs. Dora Clement Talkington, long-time member of Main Street Church, Hattiesburg, has an article in October Home Life, entitled "Lessons from a Stroke."

Sammie Chisolm, age 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Chisolm, was recently licensed to the gospel ministry, by Van Winkle Church, Jackson, Rev. Herman Milner, pastor.

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Ellisville Pastor Writes Textbook

Rev. Hardy R. Denham, pastor First Church, Ellisville, and one of three instructors in the Bible Department, Jones County Junior College, is the author of a new book, "A Syllabus of New Testament Studies," (Acts through Revelation), which was written to be used as a textbook for the three Bible courses he teaches.

The introduction was written by Rev. Harold T. Bryson, "The book by Rev. Hardy R. Denham," Mr. Bryson says, "is a survey of the Book of Acts and the remaining 22 epistles. This work makes no claim to completeness on these books of the New Testament, but it aims at providing a readable conspectus for the serious student."

"The author, a dedicated student of the New Testament, has done an excellent job in the study for the beginner as well as for the person who desires a thorough review. From this excellent presentation, the more serious student can branch into deeper areas of Biblical study."

Of the text, the author states: "This volume is not intended to be a detailed investi-

T. U. Administration Seminar

To Be At BSSB November 13-17

The availability of a Training Union Administration Seminar at the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee, has been announced by James Frost of the Board's Training Union Department.

November 13-17 is the date for this special seminar which will be a comprehensive study of the training program of a church. It is especially designed for church Training Union Directors, Ministers of Education, and pastors.

Information can be obtained by contacting Mr. Frost at the Baptist Sunday School Board.

REV. PAUL H. LEBER and his family, shown above, were honored by East Moss Point Church Oct. 15 in a surprise fellowship following the evening worship hour. Mr. Leber has served for nine years as pastor of East Moss Point. A coffee and tea silver serving set was presented to them on this anniversary day. Billy Wilks, Chairman of Deacons, made the presentation.

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society has the right to determine what kind of association it is to be.

"This action if taken will unite us," Ferguson said. "Because it separates us from other faiths, it unites us with others of like faith and order."

"If you are a real, genuine sure 'nough Baptist, let your colors fly," he declared.

The pastor of the St. John's Church, Claude U. Broach, argued that the policy of his church to accept some members who as believers were baptized by some other mode than immersion, was made after a five-year study and in fact is not new at all.

"There are Baptists all over the world affiliated with the Baptist World Alliance who have the same policy," Broach said. "And there are Baptists in full fellowship with the Southern Baptist Convention and Baptist State Convention which follow the same practice."

Made 'Crystal Clear'

"Let it be crystal clear" he added, "we do not have any desire to separate. We offer you our hearts, and our hand, and in that hand is no threat of control."

A substitute motion was offered by Leland Stephens, pastor of Grace Baptist Church here, that would have reaffirmed that churches in the association recognize immersion for believers only as New Testament baptism, and that would have voiced opposition to churches departing from the practice.

The substitute further would have reaffirmed the autonomy of the local church in departing from the practice, however, and would have taken no punitive action against St. John's and Myers Park.

"This substitute gives us the chance to say we don't agree (with the St. John's and Myers Park policies) but they are our sister churches and we must preserve their autonomy," Stephens said. "It seems to me that unless we are just out for blood this is what we ought to do," he added.

Carl Bates, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Char-

lotte, supported the substitute, saying the association has done its work for 82 years without a creedal statement.

"You are saying now that these other churches must agree with you in every minute detail."

"The first thing you know we are going to be engaged in . . . witch hunts," Bates warned. "You will virtually assume the role of administrator in the life of a church, and that is reserved for the Holy Spirit."

All of the substitute motions, including one that the association adjourn without taking any action, lost.

After the final vote was announced, Lasater, associate minister at St. John's, asked that the association rule immediately on St. John's membership.

"Unless you make the decision, we (the church) cannot, because we don't feel as if we have erred," Lasater said.

Ferguson said the vote went as he had expected. "It is evidence that the majority of our people . . . are concerned about maintaining New Testament standards," he said.

Broach, the St. John's pastor, had little comment. "We hope to keep on being true to the New Testament and the spirit of Jesus Christ and find our answers along that path," he said.

At least one other association, Central Baptist Association in High Point, N. C., unanimously adopted a similar amendment on the same day, but it was an amendment to the constitution rather than to the bylaws.

Baptists In New . . .

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Messengers from the churches represented divided according to their areas and organized the three associations simultaneously in the same building.

Southern Baptists first entered the New England area in 1888 when a mission was established at Portsmouth, N. H., by a group of Baptists from New Mexico stationed at an Air Force base there.

The New England Baptist Association was organized in 1902, with affiliation with the Maryland Baptist Convention.

Until recently the New England churches were also affiliated with the Northeast Baptist Fellowship which had anticipated formation of a Baptist state convention by 1970, but the fellowship voted in September to split into two smaller groups — the New England states, and the New York - New Jersey states.

Newly elected officers of the General Association of Baptists in New England are John Hugston Jr., of Cambridge, Mass., as president and Gordon Thomas of Brunswick, Maine, as vice president. A board of directors was also elected, composed of 14 members from the three cooperating associations.

Men's Group To Be Proposed To Texas Meet

DALLAS (BP) — A new men's organization, higher status for three convention departments, and a statement concerning the convention's Church Loan Association and Corporation will be included in a report by a special "Committee of 100" to the Baptist General Convention of Texas in Lubbock, No. 1.

The special committee will recommend an auxiliary organization for men similar to the Texas and SBC Woman's Missionary Union auxiliaries. The new group would replace the present Brotherhood department of the convention's State Missions Commission.

The proposal would also evaluate the convention's Sunday School, Training Union and church music departments to division status parallel to the missions, stewardship and evangelism divisions. The departments are now under the church services division directed by R. Hooper Dilday.

The statement concerning the convention's Church Loan Association and Corporation will be in lieu of recommendations which had previously been drafted but not adopted. The statement indicates that a complete reorganization of the Church Loan Board had been recommended by a subcommittee.

The report is being held in abeyance, the subcommittee said, until a management group established by the convention's Executive Board has completed a study and made its report. Real estate investment practices in California and New Mexico were listed as a major area of the subcommittee's concern.

The new men's organization to be known as Texas Baptist Men if approved by the state convention, would have its own executive board but would continue to receive its operating funds from Cooperative Program sources. The Woman's Missionary Union is financed from the annual state missions offering.

PASTOR DIES

Rev. H. C. Ellis, pastor of Calvary Church, Durant for the past ten years, died on October 21, 1967.

"As a man, Rev. Ellis laid down his own life for others. As a minister, he proclaimed the gospel of Christ with fear and fervor. He died, as he lived, trusting the Lord," states A. C. McCool of Jackson, concerning his former pastor.

Mr. Ellis was ordained to the ministry in his early manhood. After graduation from Mississippi College he pastored several churches in Arkansas and Mississippi. In addition, he taught school for several years.

During his pastorate at Unity, Attala County, the church was one of ten to be recognized during State Farm and Home Week at Mississippi State College in 1955. Ellis was instrumental in procuring a new brick building there to replace the old church.

In 1956, Mr. Ellis was named Rural Minister of the Year for Mississippi, an award presented by the Progressive Farmer and the School of Theology of Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia.

Mrs. Cooper To Visit Merritts In Nigeria

Mrs. Silas Cooper of Clinton left October 27 for an extended visit with her missionary daughter in Nigeria. She flew by way of New York, and Madrid, Spain. In the latter city she visited the Charles Whitten family, missionaries from Mississippi.

Monday, October 30, she was to arrive in Kano, Nigeria, where her daughter and son-in-law and two grandchildren, Betty and Dewey Merritt, Mary Ann and Elizabeth, were to meet her.

Mrs. Cooper will be staying with the Merritts until the first of June, 1968, when they will return to the States on furlough. Her address during that time will be Box 86, c/o Dewey Merritt, Kaduna, West Africa. Mr. Merritt is principal



THERE WERE SEVERAL MISSISSIPPIANS among the 12 new missionaries appointed Oct. 9-11 by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. First row, from left: Rev. and Mrs. H. T. Buckley, both from Mississippi; to Korea; Rev. Billy G. Colston, from Mississippi and Mrs. Colston of Louisiana, for Korea. Second row: Rev. and Mrs. Darrell A. Moak, from Oklahoma to Japan; Rev. Donald V. Phlegar of Virginia and Mrs. Phlegar of Mississippi, to the Orient. Third row: Rev. and Mrs. Earl J. Williams of Tennessee to Liberia and Rev. and Mrs. Charles J. Wisdom of Louisiana and Texas, to Mexico.



REV. CARLTON E. RIVERS of Union, Mississippi, became pastor of Corinth Church here, Hosford, Fla., October 15. He is a first-year student enrolled in pastoral training at Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Florida. He was pastor of Olive Church, Lumberton, Miss. for one year, before going to Fla. He had been in the ministry for 12 years. Mrs. Rivers was Reba Welch of Carterville, Miss. They have three children, Dennis 15, David 14, and Rachel 3. They will live at Rt. 2, Graceville during the week, and go to the church field on week ends.

MasterControl To Be Aired From Warship

Dr. Paul M. Stevens and Don Sturgis are scheduled to co-host a "MasterControl" special from aboard the USS Enterprise, the world's first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier and the largest warship in the world. The special will be aired before Christmas and is tentatively scheduled for November 12. Check local listings for specific air time and date.



Mr. and Mrs. McCaleb

Handsboro Galls Music Minister

Jimmy McCaleb is the new minister of music at Handsboro Church and Mrs. McCaleb will serve as superintendent of visitation and enlargement, it was announced by Rev. Perrin H. Cook, pastor.

Mr. McCaleb graduated from Mississippi College. He has served as music director of several churches in Mississippi and has earned a Bachelor's in Sacred Music and Master's in Religious Education from Southwestern Seminary. On active duty with the US Air Force, he served also as music director at the Air Force Chapel, Saucy, Arabia, at New Life Church, Fukuoka, Japan, and at Trinity Church, Saigon, Vietnam in 1966-67.

Mrs. McCaleb graduated from Delta State College, Southern Seminary (Carver), and attended Missouri University. She was Woman's Missionary Society director for the Oklahoma Baptist Convention prior to marriage.

Other officers elected at the meeting are Lucius Marion, pastor of the Clarksdale, Mississippi, Baptist Church vice-chairman; and C. M. Pickler, pastor of Boulevard Baptist Church, Memphis, recording secretary.

In addition to the election of officers, the Brotherhood Commission Executive Committee also considered future capital needs of the men's and boys' agency, planned for the next full meeting of the commission in July, 1968, and authorized development of new or revised policy on employee benefits, Schroeder said.

pal of the Baptist pastors' school at Kaduna, which is three hours' drive from Kano.

Mrs. Cooper has been very active in WMU work through the years, having served as state prayer chairman. She recently retired as counselor, and head resident of Henderman-Gunter Hall at Mississippi College, where she had served for 17 years. Her late husband was the first pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Tupelo.

Dr. Stevens, executive director of the Southern Baptists' Radio and Television Commission, and Sturgis, regular "MasterControl" host, recorded the program last fall when they were guests of the United States Navy aboard the carrier for five days.

Included in the program will be interviews by Sturgis with the flight operations officer and the ship's captain and by Dr. Stevens with the nuclear reactor officer.

The USS Enterprise was commissioned November 25, 1961, and was a part of the Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean before joining the Seventh Fleet in the Pacific. It has eight nuclear reactors, a crew of about 5,000, and a flight deck with a 4½ acre area.

The carrier generates enough electric power for a city of two million people and the total output of all electrical equipment on board is equal to the output of 600 powerful radio stations. Nine squadrons make up the carrier's air wing, including aircraft being used in action in Vietnam.



HOWARD CARPENTER of Northwest Mississippi Junior College, Senatobia, was chosen Most Outstanding Alumnus of the Year (1967) at Delta State College, Cleveland. Mr. Carpenter was honored Saturday, October 21, at the Delta State College Homecoming — both at the noon Business Luncheon and at the football game in the afternoon. Mr. Carpenter is a 1943 graduate of Delta State College majoring in Social Science and English.

Progressive National Baptists Vote 1969 Crusade Participation

CINCINNATI, Ohio (BP) — The Progressive National Baptist Convention meeting here recently voted to participate in the Crusade of the Americas, becoming the 38th nation-wide Baptist group in 28 countries to participate.

The action of the Progressive National Baptists brings to seven the number of nationwide Baptist bodies in the United States which have voted to participate in the 1969 evangelistic campaign covering North, Central and South America. Numerous statewide Baptist groups are also participating.

Other United States groups include the Baptist General Conference (Swedish), the Southern Baptist Convention, the North American General Conference (German), the General Association of General Baptists (Armenian), the

Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, and the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A. Inc.

The Progressive National Baptist Convention has 516,400 members.

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open the State Fair on Sunday, it was voted.

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War Still Affects Ajloun

By Mrs. Frances Fuller
AMMAN, Jordan — Four months after the Middle East war the windows of the Baptist hospital in Ajloun, Jordan, are still painted blue, according to blackout specifications, and the aftermath of the conflict continues in unexpected ways.

On October 9, Dr. Dean T. Fitzgerald, Jr. (Southern Baptist missionary), and Dr. Naseem Nasrallah worked in the operating room until the wee hours, repairing crushed bones and removing shrapnel. A dud bomb had finally exploded, and two men were its victims (one of them the father of the hospital baker). Though both were seriously injured, they are expected to recover.

The preceding week Dr. Fitzgerald performed delicate brain surgery — not his specialty — because Jordan's only neurosurgeon is on the other side of the cease-fire line. The patient, a little girl, is doing well.

A refugee woman came to the hospital for the delivery of her baby, because, explained those who brought her, "there just wasn't room in the tent which she shares with 25 other people."

A low-flying jet plane circled the village, and a little girl hid her face against the wall and began to cry hysterically.

I asked Jane Staton (missionary nurse) why the blue paint wasn't washed off the windows. "I requested permission three times," she replied, "but the civil defense director told me to leave it."

Association Disapproves Articles

The Union County Baptist Association, in its regular session last week, approved a resolution to be sent to the editor of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Magazine in Atlanta, strongly objecting to articles on "The Sexual Revolution," which were published in the September and October issues of the magazine.

A special committee comprised of William F. Evans, Jimmy Welch, Jim Futral, Estus Pirkle and Lewis M. Watkins, signed the resolution, which was passed unanimously by the association.

The resolution said, in part: "Our people in this Association are definitely concerned and angered about statements published in these articles such as the following:

There follow numerous quotations concerning "pornography," "students" and "sexual freedom," "the new morality" "Sex and marriage" "Hebrew folk-lore" and need for "ethical criteria to tell us when the sex act is acceptable," etc.

The resolution says that Christians should be "bothered" about pornography, that Adult thinking along these lines has not been "prudish and unreasonable," and states that any person who regards the Old Testament scriptures as "folk-lore" should "not be permitted to express his opinion about anything in our Baptist publications."

The resolution adds that "infallible, inerrant, eternal and unchanging Word of God" provides the "ethical criteria" needed for sex. It also says that Christians do not need any further authority than the Bible for "this and every other action of the Christian life."

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WEST HEIGHTS CHURCH, Pontotoc, Rev. Gerald Buckley, Pastor, has just completed using the Forward Program of Christian Stewardship for the first time. The Demonstration Day Offering was \$1030.00. The average weekly offering last year was \$550.00. "The spiritual results are perhaps the most outstanding contribution of this program to our church. We have had additions every Sunday for five Sundays," Rev. Buckley said.

CHANGES ARE NEEDED

The Annual Meeting Of The Association

By W. R. Roberts
Annuity Secretary
Mississippi - SBC

There was a time, in the distant past, when the annual meeting of Baptist associations as now conducted by most Associations were vital and quite adequate. That need, as voiced by many, is true no more.

Life was simple back when our work was getting started and even on up to the last two decades, or perhaps a little longer. The bread winner could take off when he wanted to and spend a week if necessary to attend the annual associational meeting. He can no longer leave his job. Even those who farm can no longer walk off and leave an investment such as is necessary to farm now.

The above situation makes it necessary for the business of the Association to be carried on by our faithful pastors and the women of the church who aren't employed. This situation leaves much to be desired on the part of our pastors, a very few laymen, and the women who can attend. They do not want this great responsibility and it just isn't conducive to total support.

The programs for many of our annual meetings leave much to be desired. During our early days, most of our

Southern Baptist publications "if these are examples" of the type of material which will be used.

The resolution closes with the following paragraphs:

"We regret that it is never mentioned in these articles that sin is the cause of "The Sexual Revolution" in America today. Furthermore, we resent the implications that Southern Baptist Churches participate in the "Sexual Revolution" as a social organization, rather than the proclaimers through Jesus Christ and His unchanging standards for living."

"Our fundamental objection to these articles is that the authors are discussing sex in the light of the concepts of the 20th century man apart from the Word of God. Because of the impact, we feel, these articles have had on our convention, we earnestly desire that our contrasting views be presented in the Home Missions Magazine."

The resolution was sent to the editor of Home Missions Magazine, and a copy was sent to the Baptist Record with the request that the resolution as a whole or at least a story of the action be published in the Record. (Because

of the length of the resolution we are using only this news story summary.—Editor)

We still need the annual meeting — in fact we can do without some type of associational business meeting. It is quite obvious to many that the format for our meetings needs some changes.

It would seem the part of wisdom for our program committees for the annual meeting to discontinue those emphases that are being met by the local church programs. The fact that certain features have been included in the agenda doesn't prove we need change. It is generally thought that we have made more progress in adapting our programs to the needs of our people in every other phase of our work than we have in the annual association meeting. Yet, the association is the core of our cooperative effort. We have the know-how to change. All we need is the courage.

MIDWAY CHURCH Jackson recently presented Clifton Morgan with a 15-year perfect attendance Sunday school pin. Mr. Morgan has served the Midway Church as Sunday school superintendent and is now a Sunday school teacher in the Adult II department, Training Union Director, and an active deacon. Mr. Morgan (right) is shown receiving his pin from his pastor, Rev. Ben Preston.

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MADISON ASSOCIATION OPPOSES FAIR'S CHOOSING TO OPEN GATES ON SUNDAY

Madison County Association in its annual meeting adopted a resolution in opposition to the State Fair's opening on Sunday.

"For the first time in its long and illustrious history the Mississippi State Fair Commission has chosen to open the State Fair on Sunday," the document stated.

"There is already a general disregard for the keeping of the Sabbath holy; the opening of the State Fair on Sunday is detrimental to the Bible Study, church training, and worship activities of our

churches; the Bible plainly states 'Remember, the Sabbath day, to keep it holy'; (Exodus 20:8)

"Be it resolved by the Madison County Baptist Association composed of the messengers, from thirteen cooperating churches, in its 40th an-

ual session, that we respectfully request the Mississippi State Fair Commission to refrain from a Sunday opening of the State Fair at all future time."

The clerk sent a copy of this resolution to the Executive Director of the Mississippi State Fair Commission.

THE EDITORIAL PAGE

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JOE T. ODLE, Editor

Church Budget Preparation

Many churches are now in the process of preparing their budgets for the coming year. May we suggest three important matters which should be considered by every budget committee, and by the church themselves. We make these suggestions with a full consciousness of all of the problems faced by budget committees as they seek to meet all of the requests and needs of the various phases of the church program.

First, every church should seriously consider whether it needs to increase the part of its budget which is to be given to world missions through the Cooperative Program. This is important both to the church, which should grow in its mission support, and to the denominational mission program, where the needs grow greater each year. World missions programs cannot stand still. Never in the history of Christianity have mission needs been so great as right now. The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board is recommending to the coming convention approximately a 10% increase in the Cooperative Program budget for 1968. If churches can make a similar increase there will be no problem in meeting that goal. Some churches probably should do much more. Experience has shown that an increase in mission giving, brings the blessing of God in such a manner that the local program is enlarged.

A second urgent matter that should be considered for every budget, is salary increases for members of the church staff. The cost of living is advancing so rapidly that any church which retains its salaries at former levels, is asking its employees to serve for less salary than they have been receiving in the past. We do not believe that any church in Mississippi wants its pastor or other workers to suffer because of the high costs of living, yet many are doing that already, and others will do so, if raises are not provided. Every committee should take a serious look at the present salary levels, and make the adjustments which present financial conditions demand.

In the third place, budget committees and churches will do well to consider the financial promotional programs being offered through the Stewardship Department of the Convention Board. Some of the finest programs and materials for stewardship teaching and

budget promotion to be found anywhere in the world, are now available to all Southern Baptist churches, from the smallest to the largest. If your church has never used such programs, you will find some splendid assistance available simply for the asking. Those who have used such programs before, will find that new suggestions and materials are available each year. The programs are so varied and adaptable that they suit the needs of any church. Information concerning the programs, with even a visit by a department representative, is available without cost. Why not write to Rev. John Alexander, Stewardship Department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205, today, and find out what is available to your church? It can make a difference in the whole program of your church as you face 1968.

The Power Of The Gospel

No passage in the Bible is more meaningful than Paul's words in Romans 1:14 "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."

Glorious words, but are they true today? Some disputers contend that they are not applicable to our day. They would tell you that the gospel does not meet the needs of a modern age and generation. Is this true?

Ask Billy Graham who is preaching to multiplied thousands in Tokyo, and seeing multitudes saved.

Ask the Mississippi team which went to Brazil to preach the gospel in September, and faced heart hungry crowds everywhere, and saw the power of the gospel manifested everywhere they preached, with hundreds of persons being saved.

Ask the team which just has returned from South Africa, where they proclaimed the gospel to masses of people in every church, and saw hundreds and hundreds saved.

The disputers may reply that they touched only a handful of people, and did not even begin to meet world need. We answer that the things the critics are doing, as a substitute for the gospel, are not changing the world either. Maybe they need to turn back to the one power which has proved that it can change it.

The need is not for a changed message, but for more witnesses. If every Christian in the world should become a flaming witness of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the message would reach the whole world in a short time. And that could change the world!

Let Southern Baptists rededicate themselves now to giving this gospel to lost men everywhere. It is our one message and the world's major need. The Crusade of the Americas gives us a glorious opportunity to attempt to give this message to the American continents, but our best is needed if the effort is to be effective.

Fighting Alcoholism

One of the major moral and health problems in America today is alcoholism. A report in the magazine section of the Oct 22 Clarion Ledger-Daily News, told of the growing seriousness of this problem, and of how the problem is increasing faster among women than among men.

Now comes a report from a commission established under a \$1 million dollar grant from the National Institute of Mental Health (tax dollars) which makes some astounding suggestions on how to solve alcoholism problems.

According to press reports some of these suggestions are:

Serve beer in college cafeterias.

Permit liquor advertisements to show alcohol being consumed by the whole family, including children, in a family setting.

Urge that alcoholic beverages be made available to young people at church gatherings supervised by adults.

Lower the drinking age to 18.

Serve alcoholic beverages to young people at recreational and athletic events.

All of this, mind you, in the name of solving the alcoholism problem. Apparently the purpose in the minds of the committee is to teach people how to drink safely.

The fallacy in such suggestions is clear, and apparently has been disregarded by the committee. IT IS NOT THE PLACE WHERE DRINKING IS DONE THAT MAKES ALCOHOLICS . . . IT IS THE DRINKING ITSELF.

Alcohol makes alcoholics, and whether it is drunk at the bar, in the home or in the church (God forbid!), it will start some of those who drink it on the road to alcoholism.

No matter how often it may be repeated that alcoholism is a disease, it must be remembered that those who do not drink never become alcoholics.

There is just one way to stop alcoholism and that is to stop drinking alcoholic beverages.

What is needed is to teach children, young people, and adults, that alcohol is both a drug and a poison, and that it never, never should be drunk.

Government agencies have become quite concerned about teaching the harm in cigarette smoking. They need to become even more concerned about teaching that it is drinking that causes alcoholism, and all of the other tragic results which liquor brings.

He who prays for his neighbor will be heard for himself.—Hebrew Proverb.

Troubles are often the tools by which God fashions us for better things.—Henry Ward Beecher.

EDUCATION

What's Happening

Education Commission, SBC

"What is most depressing about the statements of politicians and the irate letters to the editor that have followed student demonstrations is not their conservatism or their impatience with the younger generation, but the narrow way they conceive of education. In the minds of many citizens, getting an education seems to be a matter of acquiring units of information, measured mainly by the number of hours spent in the classroom.

"There is seldom a suggestion that college might help to change the individual himself, to broaden his horizons, to liberate him from prejudice, or to give him a new sense of identity.

"In the face of increasing enrollments, expanding knowledge, and climbing expenses, schools and colleges are less eager to question what they are doing than simply to find ways to do more of it. A mere enlargement of the system, however, will not suffice to meet the educational challenges being posed by changes in technology, in politics, and in society. After finding room for the student at college, we must ask what kind of world he will later inhabit, what it will demand of him, and how we can prepare him for it."

(From *Where Colleges Fail*, by Nevitt Sanford, Professor of Education and Psychology at Stanford University. Jossey-Bass, Inc., Publishers, 615 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, 1967).

ON THE MORAL SCENE

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION, SBC

If the present trend of illegitimate births in the United States continues at the same rate as it is at present in the 1970s one out of every ten American babies will be born out of wedlock. Already in some major cities, far more than 10% of all new babies are illegitimate. In 1960, about one out of twenty-five children born in the U.S. was illegitimate. By 1960 the figure was one out of nineteen. By 1965, it was one out of fifteen American births. (U.S. News and World Report, October 2, 1967)

Rep. George Jordan, Douglas' attorney and member of a House committee studying the feasibility of a state-wide public defender system, said that of the 20 men on death row at the state prison, 19 were represented at their trials by court-appointed attorneys.

"It's interesting to me that most all of them told me they were tried at the first term of court after their indictment," he said.

Considering what he described as the unfair administration of the death sentence, Jordan said, he has mixed emotions about abolishing capital punishment.

"The way it is now, I would, because I'm in jeopardy. I'm poor," he said.

Jordan said he would recommend to the House committee that a public defender be made available in every court circuit in the state to defend persons accused of capital crimes. (The Atlanta Constitution, September 29, 1967)

Newest In Books**CRUSADE HYMN STORIES**

edited by Cliff Barrows, George Beverly Shea, etc.

West Lake Street, Chicago, Ill., 160 pp., \$3.50.

The history of "How Great Thy Art," "All Creatures of Our God and King," and fifty other favorite hymns; stories of the hymns' use and influence in crusade services around the world; personal stories of their favorite hymns, by Billy Graham, Cliff Barrows, George Beverly Shea, Tedd Smith, and Don Hustad.

THE AWESOME POWER OF THE LISTENING EAR

by John Drakeford (Word Books, 128 pp., \$3.50).

The suggested subtitle for this book is "How to win friends, make money, build a career — in fact, do almost anything you want to do — by learning how to listen." Dr. Drakeford draws heavily from his experience as a practicing listener in the counseling center at Southwestern Seminary. Some of the fascinating subjects he touches are "Work on your listening inertia," "Listening without ears," "Listen for the sound of silence," "Consider your listener's perspective," "Cultivate the skill of reply," and "Ask a question but do it carefully."

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC, 1968 Edition, (Yankee, Inc., Dublin, New Hampshire, paperback, 148 pp., \$3.50).

This is the 176th continuous annual edition of a most delightful little book! It contains weather forecasts, a list of 1968 holidays, 1968 eclipses of sun and moon, riddles, puzzles, anecdotes, old-fashioned recipes, etcetera. Edgar Allan Poe's poem, "The Raven," is included, illustrated with ten pages of black and white drawings.

FIDELITY AND INFIDELITY

by Leon J. Saul (Lippincott, 244 pp., \$5.95).

Dr. Saul discusses underlying forces that cause recurring marital problems. Through case histories and dialogues between patient and analyst, he illustrates that most friction in marriage is the result of unconscious repetition of childhood behavior.

He says that if all adults were adequately mature, relationships between them would not be so frustrating and hostile. The book was written for two

purposes: to help the married recognize and avoid approaching danger areas, and to offer to the single "an ounce of prevention" in a guide to the basic elements of a "harmless marriage."

MORE OCEANS TO CROSS

by Fran Johnston (Moody Press, 157 pp., \$2.95).

A true life adventure, an interesting story of a woman who finds fulfillment in God's plan. Mrs. Johnston spent her childhood in China, her college days in America, and is at present, with her husband, missionary with The Evangelical Alliance Mission in France.

OUR OWN CHRISTMAS

compiled by Jean McKee Thompson (Beacon Press, 226 pp., \$5.95).

An anthology of prose and poetry, drawn from many writers, including Matthew, Luke, O. Henry, Charles Dickens, Rudyard Kipling, John Greenleaf Whittier, and others. Illustrated with beautiful black and white photographs, these selections are by sensitive persons who have not merely celebrated Christmas, but who have experienced it.

**BAPTISTS EXPAND WORK IN JORDANIAN CAPITAL**

For the first time in the 15-year history of Southern Baptist missions in Jordan, nearly half the missionary force is located in Amman, the capital and population center of the country, reports Mrs. J. Wayne Fuller.

Four couples, the Fullers, the Paul S. C. Smiths, the William O. Herns, and the Glenn Pattons, compose the Amman station of the Jordan Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries). There were no resident Southern Baptist missionaries in Amman two years ago.

One of the enchanting things about radio is the ability to select programs, to tune in and out at will, with just a turn of the dial. Unless one should be trapped into having to listen to a radio next door, upstairs, or down, one may move across the dial to make his own choice.

It is my conviction that much in life is like that. Sometimes we are trapped so that we seem to have no choice at all. There are times when that which we want to hear is just out of reach or fades out at the wrong time. But God has provided for us a wide selection, a wide range of choices.

However, it is true that there are certain basic choices which largely determine future selections. The musician who has chosen the classical field of interest for his life will quickly by-pass the raucous sounds of jive as he twists the dial.

Such a basic choice was made by the great old warrior Joshua. Hear him. "And if it seem evil unto you to

serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the god of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Choose right today and the pattern of selection will be firmly set.

Three other missionary couples and four single women are engaged, in medical, educational, or evangelistic work in Ajloun. The Pattons and Mr. Fuller are also continuing language study.

The Amman missionaries also have other responsibilities. Mr. Hern is Mission treasurer, Mr. Smith has charge of evangelism in the villages of northern Jordan, and Mr. Fuller is director of the Baptist boys' school in Ajloun. The Pattons and Mr. Fuller are also continuing language study.

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November 7 — Mildred M. Usher, faculty, William Carey College; Mrs. Sarah Campbell, staff, Children's Village.

November 8 — Mrs. Evelyn Gordon, Gilroy School of Nursing; Albert Brady, staff, Clarke College.

November 9 — Mrs. Shirley Dyess, Baptist Building; Mrs. Pat Turner, Baptist Building.

November 10 — Louis Farmer, Jr., BSU director, University of Southern Miss.; Harold St. Gemme, BSU director, Hinds County.

November 11 — James Q. Allen, faculty, Mississippi College; Mrs. Hazel K. Anthony, staff, Mississippi College.

Now let us all stand for the BENEDICTION!

Pulpit TEARS

SHARED BY Ralph Burgess, Anniston, Ala.

LOOKED AS THOUGH IT WOULD BE A SHORT SERVICE! WHEN THE CHORUS MARCHED IN FOR THE DOKOLLOV TO BEGIN, HE SAID . . .



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Southern Alumni Plan Meeting



LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Mississippi alumni of Southern Seminary will meet for their annual state meeting November 15 at 12:30 p.m., at Calvary Church, Jackson.

Representing the seminary will be evangelism professor Kenneth Chafin who will give a status report for the seminary. Included in the report will be the \$500,000 endowment campaign for the Billy Graham Chair of Evangelism, already underway in fourteen states, and Southern Seminary's expanding enrollment.

In previewing his report, Chafin observed that enrollment was up for the sixth consecutive year at the seminary making Southern the only SBC related seminary to experience such a growth pattern in the past decade.

Plans for the meeting are being made by Dr. John G. McCall, pastor of First Church, Vicksburg, president of the state alumni group.

DAVIS CALLED TO ALABAMA

Rev. H. Arnold Davis of West Point, Mississippi, became pastor of the Nipper Field Church, Dothan, Ala., October 15.

Now in his third and last year of the Pastoral Training Course at Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Florida, this is his second pastorate. He was also interim pastor for three months at Damascus and New Hope churches in Georgia.

Mr. Davis was a brick layer for five years before beginning his studies at BBI in 1964.

Mrs. Davis was Bebbie Williams of Cedar Bluff, Miss. They have two sons, Halton, Jr. 10, and James Timothy 8.

AT PEARLHAVEN CHURCH, BROOKHAVEN, on October 1, there were recognized in the same special service seventeen officers and teachers who have combined total of 304 years of teaching and service in the Sunday school at Pearlhaven. Mrs. Theda Stephens (11 yrs.); Mrs. Myrtle White (13 yrs.); Mrs. Audrey Nevels and Mrs. Inez Thornhill (15 yrs.); Mrs. Gwen Gartman, Mrs. Ruby Pell, and Mrs. Effie Burt (16 yrs.); Mrs. Bernice Lovell, Mrs. Edith Morgan, Mrs. Margaret Bridges, Bill May, and Virgil Stewart, (17 yrs.); Mrs. Laverne Ratliff (18 yrs.); Mrs. Evelyn Jones and Mrs. Mary Ann Scott (23 yrs.), Mrs. Vera May (24 yrs.), and Mrs. Myra Lovell (29 yrs.). On the same date, 32 members of the Sunday school received perfect attendance pins. Those with perfect attendance over five years were Mrs. Lavern Ratliff, 13 years; William Furlow, five years; Dwayne Nevels, five years; Mrs. Edna Furlow, seven years; and Dennis Nevels, seven years. Rev. Ralph E. Brady is pastor.

Names In The News

Rev. Kenneth L. Gray is entering full-time evangelism. Ulman Baptist Church, Ulman, Missouri, where he was formerly pastor, recommends Mr. Gray "to Mississippi Baptists, Southern Baptists, and Baptists around the world, as sound in doctrine, full of the Holy Spirit, with a warm heart for pastors, and a message for the hour." He has pastored churches in Missouri for the past eight and one-half years. He may be addressed at 188 Ramble, Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Evangelist Ed Bryon, Clinton, conducted revivals in Vinesville Church, Birmingham, Ala., Bridgeland Church, New Orleans, Louisiana, and First Church, Nome, Texas, during the month of October.

Rev. E. Y. Solleau, former Mississippi pastor, was evangelist in a revival October 15-22 at First Southern Baptist Church, Brawley, California.

There were seven additions by letter, four professions of faith, two baptized, and 34 rededications. Rev. S. A. Kopp is the pastor.

C. H. (Pop) Stone from Gulfport was song leader for a revival October 9-15 at Victory Church, 1725 N. Burling St., Chicago, Illinois. The evangelist was Ed Corn from Tuxedo, N. C.; the pastor is Rev. Harold Cathey. There were 18 professions of faith, and two additions by letter. Mr. Stone led the singing October 16-22 for a meeting at 58th Avenue Church, (Rev. Earl Cathey, pastor) Cicero, Illinois, with Rev. Harold Cathey doing the preaching.

Dr. Don Stewart, chairman of Religion and Philosophy at William Carey College, was asked to review the study book on Luke before the Baptist pastors of Marion county on October 23 and the pastors of Jones county on November 6. The first meeting was held at First Church, Columbia, and the second will be at First Church, Ellisville. These special review sessions are intended to prepare the pastors for the annual January Bible study which will involve entire church communities.

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Rev. Claude Francis

MORGAN CITY CALLS PASTOR

Morgan City Church, LeFlore County, has called a new pastor, Rev. Claude B. Francis, who with his wife, Ethel, and two daughters, Shirley and Janet, moved on the field Oct. 6.

Mr. Francis, a retired Master Sergeant from the U. S. Air Force, attended Louisiana College for three years. He also studied in extension classes and correspondence courses while in the Air Force, and through Seminary Extension.

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By Clifton J. Allen
Hosea 1:3; 8:13

As we continue our study of "Messages from the Prophets," we begin now a unit of four lessons from Hosea.

He was a younger contemporary of Amos, and he was also a prophet of the Northern Kingdom. While much of his message had to do with the moral, social, and political issues of the times, Hosea was primarily a prophet of God's steadfast love.

The Lesson Explained

THE TIMES OF HOSEA (1:1)

This verse identifies the political leadership of Judah and Israel during the time of Hosea's ministry. The nation was engulfed in sin. The same situation prevailed as formerly during the time of Amos, only it became worse. All the land had committed whoredom and was guilty of spiritual adultery and unfaithfulness (1:2). The people had turned to the worship of Baal, even to the point of calling Jehovah, "Baal" (2:13,16). Idolatry was on every side (4:17; 13:2). The people perished for lack of the knowledge of God and through the rejection of his law (4:6). The priests had become faithless and corrupt (4:6,9; 6:9). Lying diplomacy characterized the rulers (12:1).

PROPHET WITH A BROKEN HEART (1:2)

The verses we now study tell of a strange command of the Lord to Hosea: he was to take "a wife of whoredoms," that is, to marry a harlot. Some would interpret it as a literal command, which Hosea obeyed. Others consider this to be an allegory or a parable to illustrate a sublime truth. A more plausible interpretation seems to be that Hosea was married, but "proved to be such in her wedded life."

The names given to the children were symbolic of the spiritual situation in Israel and of God's relationship with his people. The first child, a son, was called "Jezreel"—symbolic of the retributive justice of God that would come on Israel. The second one, a daughter, was called "Not pitiéd"—symbolic of the withdrawal of God's mercy from Israel, because the people refused to accept his mercy and brought his judgment upon themselves. The third child, a son, was called "Not my people"—symbolic of spiritual adultery, for the children of Israel were really not the people of Jehovah. Thus we have the unfolding story of Gomer's faithlessness. She betrayed Hosea's love and became an adulteress, though she was his wife. How true also of Israel!

LEARNING ABOUT GOD (3:1)

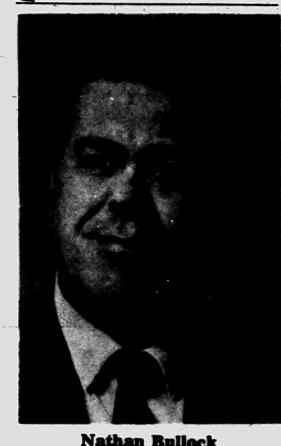
While we have a minimum of historical detail about Hosea's experience, we can supply some of the probable details. It seems that Gomer's sinful course led to the lowest depths. "She went after her lovers" until they had no interest in her. Even so, Hosea loved her in spite of all her shame. Thus he was willing to obey God's command to go and buy her out of slavery and shame and restore her to his home again. He loved her in spite of her wretchedness and disgrace, in spite of all her infidelity, in spite of the heartbreak she had brought to him, in spite of everything! And he took her into his home until love and patience should effect reconciliation and forgiveness and restoration.

From his own experience, Hosea understood better the unfailing love of God for faithless Israel.

Truly to Live By
The essence of sin is unfaithfulness toward God.—Sin expresses itself in countless ways—terrible deeds of cruelty, shameful acts of lust, vicious attitudes of jealousy and hate, and cunning schemes of dishonesty and fraud. But behind these outward and inward expressions of evil there is self-will; and this self-will is rebellion against God, who has the right of absolute control and

who deserves wholehearted devotion.

God speaks through personal tragedy.—How many times it becomes necessary for persons to encounter sickness, misfortune, or serious tragedy before they will listen to God. In such experiences, they are confronted by their own helplessness; and then they are willing to listen to the Lord of heaven. But tragedy and misfortune and affliction come to righteous and godly persons as well as to the disobedient and proud. It was so in the case of Job. God speaks to both saints and sinners through tragedy, if only the person, stricken in suffering, is willing to learn the lessons which God would like to teach. From tragedy, we can learn all the more clearly the nearness and comfort of God, the sufficiency of his grace, the reality of his Spirit, the blessings of his discipline and the wonder of his forgiving love.



Nathan Bullock

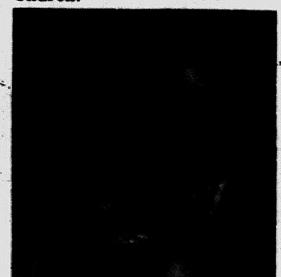
Joins Staff At Church Bldg. And Savings

Church Building and Savings Association has recently added to their staff, Nathan (Nat) Bullock of 3134 Bilgray Drive, Jackson. Mr. Bullock, a native of Greene County, Mississippi, attended the public schools of Greene County, at Leaf and McLain. He also attended the University of Southern Mississippi at Hattiesburg and Draughons Business College in Jackson.

Mr. Bullock began his business career in the consumer finance field some ten years ago and has served as an active member of Consumer Credit of Jackson prior to being appointed to his present position with Church Building and Savings Association.

He is married to the former Jean Keith of Amite County, and they have two children, twins, Nathan, Jr. and Natalie, who attend Whitten Junior High School.

A deacon at Daniel Memorial Church, Mr. Bullock has served in various positions of leadership in his Church.



Mr. and Mrs. Speedling

MOBILECOUPLE MOVES TO McDOWELL RD.

Rev. John Speedling has recently assumed duties as associate pastor of the McDowell Road Church, where he will be in charge of the music and youth work. He is finishing his work on his Master's Degree in Religious Education from New Orleans Seminary.

He moved to McDowell Road Church from the Ann Street Church in Mobile where he served for three years.

Mr. Speedling holds a B.A. degree from William Carey College, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Speedling, Sr., of Mobile. Mrs. Speedling holds a B.S. degree from William Carey College, and is currently teaching in the New Orleans School System. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd E. Slay of Mobile.

Worshipers Must Be Honest

By Bill Duncan
Dept. 23:24-25; 25:13-16

Ephesians 4:22-23

I have heard it said that honesty is the best policy. However, for the Christian, honesty is the only policy. If there is one thing that will hurt a Christian witness, it is dishonesty. There is no excuse for a man not being honest with his neighbors or friends.

It is reported by a survey that 50% of the people are thieves, and another 25% will steal if given the opportunity. This leaves only one out of four that can be called honest. It is reported that there are millions of dollars stolen each year by employees from their employers. Even though stealing is accepted as the common thing in our day, God still condemns it in any situation or amount.

In our lesson, God is instructing the man who wants to worship never to be dishonest. These passages condemned the many ways of being dishonest even in our day. There are three groups condemned: the poor who take more than their share, the business man who uses dishonest practices, and the working man who steals instead of working.

Honesty Toward Ownership

Dept. 23:24-25

The poor people were provided for by the law. In this passage, a man was allowed to enter a vineyard or field and take what he needed to eat at the moment. However, he was not allowed to take any out of the field or vineyard in a vessel. The person would be taking the neighbor's crop if he did not eat the food in the field. This lays open to us the wisdom, goodness, tenderness, holiness, and righteousness which marked all the dealings of God with his people of old. This law was given to govern their conduct and to form their character.

More than anything, a Christian needs to be honest in business. For one to be a true worshipper, he needs to be reminded that "all who do such things, all who act dishonestly, are an abomination to the Lord your God." (25:16 RSV) One needs not only to use correct weights of measure, but he needs to seek areas of bettering his Christian witness.

There is no substitute for honesty. No one can truly worship God who has the sin of dishonesty in his heart. If we have sinned, then we should repent and pray for forgiveness that we might worship God aright.

Thursday, November 2, 1967

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Panola Association Admits

North Batesville Church

On October 16, 1967, the North Batesville Church, Batesville, was admitted to the Panola Association at its 47th annual session.

North Batesville began as East Batesville Mission, with eleven members. The mother church was Pilgrims Rest, of the same association.

The mission began services in 16 by 32 army tent on borrowed property, in June of last year. By September they

were witness by positive steps of right dealings in business.

Honesty in Work

Eph. 4:23

Many try to improve the relationship between employee and employer by bargaining. There is nothing more helpful than honesty on the part of both. An honest day's work for an honest day's wage. But to many a person, the philosophy of work begins with the concept, "I will take as much as possible and do as little work as possible for as much money as possible."

Paul stated that the person who refused to work neither let him eat, in I Thessalonians 4:11-12. In Ephesians 2:28, he gives a high purpose for honest work by stating the need to share with those who have needs. To work just to eat in a low view. To work to help someone else speaks of a Christian approach to life. Our great need is to see work as a blessing and opportunity to make our Christian witness felt and heard. To be dishonest not only hinders one's relationship with God, but also endangers the Christian relationship with those who need his witness.

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had paid an option on a six acre block of land just inside the city limits on Highway 51, North, and were allowed to move in an old house there.

On March 5, 1967, Pilgrims Rest organized East Batesville Mission into North Batesville Church. Since that time the new auditorium with pastor's study, restrooms, baptistry space, and storage room has been built on the land purchased, and the old building turned into educational space. Eventually this building will all be converted into educational space and a new auditorium built.

Since the beginning nearly 17 months ago, 161 people have come forward, 63 for baptism, the rest by letter and statement.

The pastor of North Batesville is Rev. Lee Hudson, a native of Panola County.



JOE RAY UNDERWOOD has accepted the position as minister of music at South Louisville Church, Louisville, Rev. Gwin H. Middleton, pastor. Previously he served in a similar position at Manteo Church. Mr. Underwood is Pre-Admissions Counselor at Mississippi State University, where he is working toward a Master's degree in Guidance Education.

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"Music In The Soul"

By John W. Flowers

Pastor, First Church, Senatobia

"Speaking to yourself in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord." Ephesians 5:19.

Music must forever be heralded as the universal language for it " . . . knows no country, race, or creed; but gives to each according to his need." The savage loved the crude sound and beat of the tom-tom and felt the song with its wild and formless crooning.

In man's advance down the cultural avenue, the melodies were achieved and finally harmonies and sequences, as he applied mathematics to tones, their relation and duration. Thus, he brought into being the art of expressing sentiment in sound, making it intelligent and creating genius.

Man's progress may be measured by the span from the crazy sun dance of the savage to the Beethoven symphony.

Pleasing sounds are a necessary food to human beings and can reduce the friction of daily life and add joy to existence. Music then is nature's high water mark, for when the brook is full and goes with strong, pulsating current toward the sea, its rush makes sweet music.

Music with its intense vitality can lift the soul to beauty and courage, enabling it to fill the days with melodies and harmonious paens.

Heaven cannot be too far from man, for music, it is said, is the speech of angels. Of all the utterances familiar to the human ear, none, save music, lifts man so close to the Divine and introduces him to the Infinite.

The mind and heart, the ready reservoirs for music's satisfying moods, sweeps the horizon of nature's best gifts until it appears that every reed and pipe in God's great organ of the universe responds in tribute to all those who have shared their genius with the world. Therefore, let us sing and make melody in our hearts and free our souls of the crude and careless, the sad and hurtful, until our very being becomes another skillfully stroked string on the harp of God.

PRAYER

In our better selves, music lies unheard.
In our untouched souls, beauty hides unseen.

To reveal the music and behold the beauty
The Master Craftsman's touch we need.

O touch us with thy skillful hand.
Let not our music die unheard.
Reveal our beauty, release our song
Until the world thy creative touch has known.

REVIVAL RESULTS

Wesson Church: Oct. 1-6; Rev. James E. Smith, guest speaker; Johnny Russell, music director; 44 decisions—7 by letter, 3 professions of faith, 33 rededications, 1 by statement; 28 students from Co-Lin Jr. College made decisions during the week; Dr. Kenneth Rainey is interim pastor.

DRUGS, ALCOHOL: The World Health Organization has organized a new committee to provide an international approach linking alcoholism and drug addiction as two aspects of the same problem. Among the committee's first statements was that dependency, whether on alcohol or drugs, is a public health problem with which the medical profession should be directly concerned.

Clarence Palmer Retires As Pastor At Chalybeate

On the first Sunday in October Rev. Clarence Palmer preached his last sermon as pastor of Chalybeate Church after having served for 19 years.

The church honored Rev. & Mrs. Palmer by designating the new church annex as the "Palmer Annex" and it was dedicated after the noteburning ceremony.

The WMU presented Mrs. Palmer with a beautiful silver tray and the church gave the Palmers a handsome love and appreciation gift in the form of money.

Following these services a delicious dinner was served in the new "Palmer Annex."

The Palmers now reside at Corinth, 2001 Proper Street, where Mrs. Palmer teaches, and Mr. Palmer plans to do pulpit supply, teach and do mission work.

Baptist Educator Praises Vietnam Troop Morale

AUSTIN, Tex. (BP)—Guy D. Newman, president of Howard Payne College, Brownwood, Tex., who returned recently from Asia, has praised the morale of the American fighting man in Vietnam.

"Whether we should have gone there in the first place is an academic question," he told board of directors of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs here.

"Now that we are there, it seems that, by and large most of us believe we should stay until an honorable peace ensues and the Communists are convinced that we are not a 'paper tiger'!"

and Rev. David Millican.

Reports from the 20 churches in the association listed 225 baptisms, 6,643 Sunday School enrollment and 2,554 enrolled in Training Union, the Rev. Mr. Puckett said.

The oldest messengers at the meeting were Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bearden and Rev. and Mrs. S. D. Pope. They were honored with special recognition for their long and faithful service.

Inspirational messages were delivered to the group by Rev. Bob Lynch, Rev. Elton Moore

REV. AND MRS. C. C. WEAVER (left) and Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Abel who were honored by Winston Association

Association Honors Two Pastors

Winston County Baptist Association in its 129th annual meeting recognized Rev. C. C. Weaver and Rev. W. B. Abel for their many years of service as ministers of the gospel.

Mr. Weaver has preached 53 years, now retired, but has accepted the call as interim pastor at Dry Creek Church.

Mr. Abel has preached over 52 years and is now serving as interim pastor at Macedonia. The wives were recognized for their helpfulness to their husbands in the work.

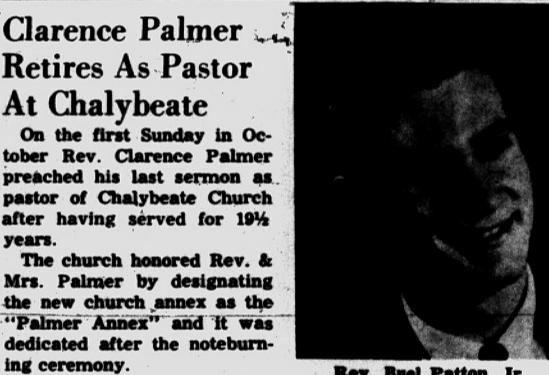
Reports were made during the sessions which show that the present membership in the 29 churches is 5,827 with 3,729 enrolled in Sunday School; 2,061 in Training Union; 851

REV. AND MRS. S. G. POPE (left) and Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Bearden were honored by Pike Association for their long and faithful service.

Pike Association Recognizes Two Couples For Long, Faithful Service

Rev. Odean Puckett, pastor of the First Church of Summit, was elected moderator for the Pike County Baptist Association when it met for the 88th session.

Others serving with Mr. Puckett will be Hershel Gra-



Westwood Calls Associate Pastor

Rev. Buel B. Patton, Jr., has been called as associate pastor of Westwood Church,

Meridian, after having served in this capacity during the summer months.

Mr. Patton announced his call to preach while speaking as Baptist Men's Day speaker at Mt. Horeb Church on January 22, 1967.

He was licensed to preach by the Mt. Horeb Church on February 1.

Until the time he went to serve as associate pastor at Westwood on June 4, he had averaged preaching more than one time a week.

He was ordained to the gospel ministry by the Mt. Horeb Church on June 25, where Rev. J. W. Coker is pastor.

Mr. Patton is a native of Meridian and is married to the former Linda Faye Gibson, also of Meridian. The Pattons are the parents of two daughters, Malinda Dawn 3, and Billie Dena 1.

Having moved to the church field soon after his call, Patton commutes to Clarke College where he is a freshman.

Mr. Patton is a native of Jones County, Hebron Community.

His wife, the former Marilyn Giles, also is a native of Jones County. They have two children, Delia 7, and Neil 5.

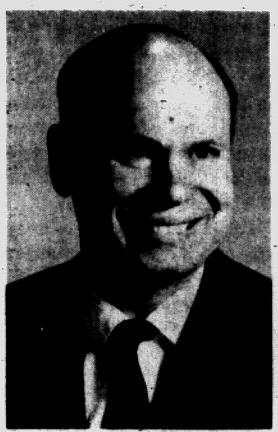
Mr. Pickering is a graduate of Mississippi College, where he earned a B.A. degree, and New Orleans Seminary, B.D.

degree. Before going to the First Church, Geneva, Alabama, where he is now serving, he served First Church, Taylorsville, in a similar capacity.

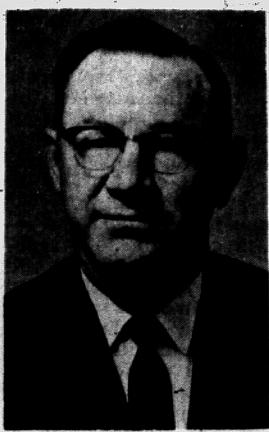
Rev. H. R. Denham Jr., is pastor.

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State Convention To Meet In Capital City Next Week



Claude Townsend
President



Rev. N. F. Davis
Preacher

An expected 1500 messengers from the 1866 churches of the Mississippi Baptist Convention are scheduled to meet in annual session Nov. 14-16 in Jackson's historic First Baptist Church.

Highlights of the session will be consideration of the report of the Long Range Christian Education Committee and the adoption of a record high Cooperative Program budget for 1967-68.

The 132nd session of the body will get underway Tuesday morning at 9:15 with adjournment set to follow the annual youth night session

The opening Tuesday morning session will be one of the highlights with Claude Townsend, of Florence, convention president, scheduled to be in the chair.

Mr. Townsend will bring the keynote address with the convention sermon to be given by Rev. N. F. Davis, pastor of First Baptist Church, Mendenhall.

Other features of this session will include the introduction of new workers, committee reports, presentation of budget and the reading and referral of any resolutions.

A large number of inspirational speakers will be featured this year.

Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas, and one of the denomination's outstanding preachers, will speak twice the closing day of the convention.

He will bring the closing message at the First Baptist Church Thursday afternoon and also be the speaker for the Youth Night session.

All sessions will be held in the host church, Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor, except the youth night session.

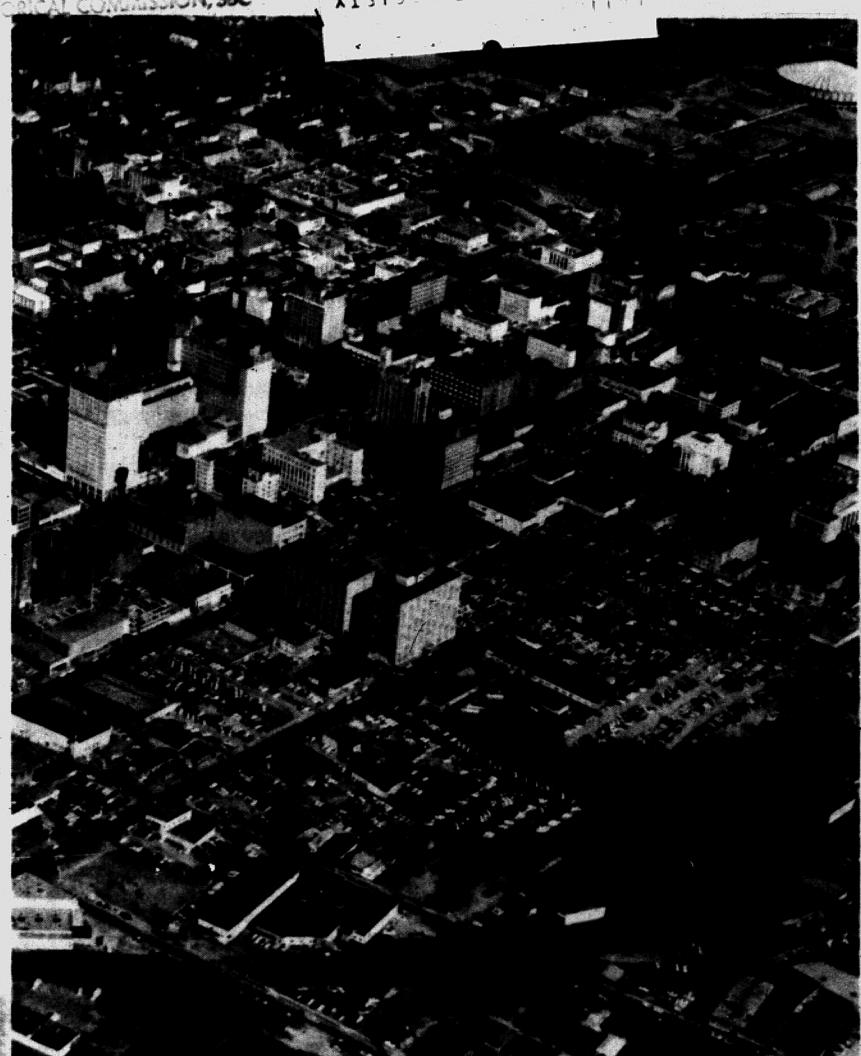
The long range committee's report is treated more fully in another story on this page.

Dr. Paschal, pastor of First

Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., will deliver the principal address Tuesday evening when State Missions will be emphasized under direction of Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer.

Other inspirational speakers will be Dr. C. E. Autrey, director of the Division of Evangelism in the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta; Dr. David Q. Byrd, pastor of West Jackson Baptist Church, Jackson, Tenn.; Dr. Leslie Wright, president of Samford University, Birmingham; Dr. Kenneth Chafin, associate professor of evangelism, Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, and Rev. Leroy Smith, area superintendent of missions for the Mgm-

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Jackson will be the host city to the Mississippi Baptist Convention next week. First Baptist Church can be seen in upper left with Mississippi Coliseum in upper right.

Monday Busy

Day In City

Mississippi Baptists' "biggest week of the year" will begin Monday with several meetings related to the convention and close Thursday night with the annual giant youth rally in the Mississippi Coliseum.

Monday will witness the meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Men's Conference and the pre-convention session of the State Convention Board.

The Board meeting will be held at the Baptist Building in Jackson at 2:00 p. m. with its Executive Committee to meet at 10:00 a. m.

The Men's Conference will be held at the First Baptist Church in Jackson, beginning at 3:30 p. m. and adjourn at 9 p. m. following a message by Dr. H. Leo Eddleman, president of New Orleans Baptist Seminary.

The afternoon session will adjourn in ample time for the men to get to Hotel Memorial Baptist Chapel on Terry Road where the annual banquet will be held at 5:30 p. m.

Rev. Elmer Jowell, director of the Brotherhood Department, who will preside, said that 600 men are expected for the banquet. Food, fellowship and inspiration will be featured.

R. L. Sherrick, business manager of the Baptist Brotherhood Commission, Memphis will be the principal speaker.

Tickets to the banquet can be secured for \$1.00 each by contacting the Brotherhood Department, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Miss.

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Music will be under direction of Dallas Ryborn of Hattiesburg.

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In a major action, an eight-member steering committee was created to coordinate plans for the North American Continental Congress, to serve as a clearing house for sharing information with North American Baptists involved in the Crusade.

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North America Baptists Make Plans For Crusade

CHICAGO (BP)—Fifty representatives of eight nationwide Baptist bodies meeting here, urged their local churches to stage joint rallies in every North American city as a part of the Crusade of the Americas.

The leaders met to coordinate the plan for the Baptist bodies in the United States and Canada participating in the hemispheric evangelism effort.

The 1968 crusade will involve about 25 million Baptists belonging to 38 national bodies in 28 countries of North, Central and South America.

The proposed local level joint rallies in North American cities would be only one part of the hemispheric plan for the Crusade.

Much of the two-day meeting here was devoted to a sharing of the specific plans projected by the participating Baptist bodies in North America.

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Plans were also discussed for a Continental Congress on Evangelism to involve about 2,500 Baptists from throughout North America in 1968.

The Continental Congress is scheduled Oct. 10-13 at the Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D. C.

"While we rejoice over the amount given the past year, which was an all-time record high, we fell \$97,147.13 short of our budget goal of \$3,470,000," Dr. Quarles said.

Receipts for October totaled \$372,399.51, a decrease of \$10,845.54 or 2.8% under the \$383,245.05 given in October a year ago.

Rev. John Alexander, secretary of the Stewardship Department, pointed to the proposed Cooperative Program budget goal of \$3,800,000 for this coming year of 1967-68 and takes this means of urging every church to make every effort so that we can reach this challenging goal.

He added that this proposed objective, to be considered by the State Convention next week in its annual meeting in Jackson, "is the largest in Mississippi Baptist history but within reach if our people will rise up and meet the challenge."

The three field workers in the Stewardship Department, Rev. Clarence Cutrell, Rev. N. F. Greer and myself, stand ready to assist any church or association in Stewardship education or promotion."

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'66-'67 COOPERATIVE GIFTS \$3,372,852

Cooperative Program receipts for the Convention year 1966-67, ending Nov. 1, totaled \$3,372,852.87, according to Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer.

This is an increase of \$181,367.87 or 5.7% over the \$3,191,485 given the previous Convention year of 1965-66.

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Graham Tokyo

Crusade Closes

TOKYO, Japan (Special)—Korakuen Baseball Stadium was the sight of a 36,000 person standing room only crowd

here Sunday afternoon and the "pitcher" was an evangelist by the name of Billy Graham. He "threw" from a small platform built over second base.

It was not the final game of the Japan World Series between the Tokyo Giants and the Hankyu Braves, because that was in this stadium Saturday afternoon. But today's "game" was the concluding service of the Billy Graham Tokyo International Crusade.

A cold north wind blew at 15 miles per hour across the baseball diamond where the Giants downed the Braves 9 to 3 in the sixth and final game of the 1967 series for this country.

Mr. Graham drew the largest crowd for a Christian meeting ever held in the Far East and today's afternoon audience represented more than twice the number of Christians in this world's largest city. It is estimated that 16,000 Christians attended.

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DANIEL CARLTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Memphis Baptist Hospital Opens New Facility

MEMPHIS — Baptist Memorial Hospital will open the first hospital operated Extended Care Facility in this area of the country on Nov. 1. The unit will care for patients who no longer require the intensive services of a general hospital, but who continue to need medical supervision and services of para-medical personnel.

Patients in the facility will have access to restorative and rehabilitative services such as physical therapy, recreational program, occupational therapy and medical social service. They also will be accorded a high standard of nursing care. Close supervision of patient care will be available from a staff medical specialist in physical medicine and rehabilitation.

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SUGGESTED ORDER OF BUSINESS Mississippi Baptist Convention

First Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi

November 14-16, 1967

Tuesday Morning

Hazel Chisholm
Noxie Taylor
Louis Bridges
J. R. Davis
Gene Triggs

9:15 Organ Prelude
9:30 Song and Praise
9:35 Special Music
9:40 Scripture
Prayer
9:45 Organization of Convention
Call to Order
Recognition of Messengers
Report of Committee on Order of Business
10:05 Welcome and Announcements
10:10 Introduction of New Workers, Chester L. Quarles
Pastors
Music and Educational Directors
Superintendents of Associational Missions
Directors of Student Work
State Workers
10:25 President's Address Claude Townsend

11:00 Report of Committee on Committees Russell McIntire

11:15 Resolutions Presented & Referred

11:20 Presentation of Budget W. Douglas Hudgins

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Dr. W. A. Criswell
Youth Night Speaker



Dr. Claude H. Shou
Youth Night Song Leader

Pre-Convention Issue

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James F. Thrash, Jr.
Youth Night Organist



Eva Carolyn Antman
Youth Night Pianist

THE EDITORIAL PAGE

Thursday, November 9, 1967

The Baptist RecordLargest Circulation of Any Newspaper
Of Any Kind in Mississippi
JOE T. ODLE, Editor**This Issue**

This is one of the most unusual issues of the Baptist Record which we ever have published, since the inside four pages are entirely given to the report of the Long Range Committee on Christian Education. This is one of the most important reports to be presented to the convention in many years, and when the Record was asked by the committee to publish it in full, we were glad to give the space to it. We sincerely hope that you will take the time carefully to read and study the report in order to understand better the educational problems Mississippi Baptists are facing.

The Coming Convention

As Mississippi Baptists assemble for their annual convention next week, they gather at a time of denominational harmony and church prosperity. There probably never has been a time when most of the churches were more prosperous financially, (even though this may be largely because of inflation), and even in the spiritual realm the churches generally are in good condition. Moreover in the area of harmony and cooperation, there seldom has been a time in history when Baptists of the state were more united, or more completely behind the denominational programs. This gives promise of a convention session of spiritual power and forward-looking action.

Only two major issues face this convention, although other matters of importance will be considered. The major issues are the adoption of the largest world missions budget in the convention's history, and the receiving of the report of the Long Range Committee on Christian Education.

Other important matters which will be considered include the plans for the "Crusade of the Americas." The year 1968 will be the final year of preparation for that crusade and decisions and plans must be made now for participation in all that Southern Baptists and other groups are doing to get ready for this mighty evangelistic effort.

It is not anticipated that any controversial or divisive issues will come before the convention. The report of the committee on Christian Education does not contain controversial recommendations so should not raise problems. The budget has received careful study by the Convention Board, and should be received and adopted without serious debate.

Messengers should come to this convention in a spirit of prayer that Mississippi Baptists may have the faith and dedication to rise to the challenge of the open doors God is setting before them today. Never have there been such mission needs or a greater opportunity in education, evangelism, church growth and development, and other areas of work.

We would suggest that every church in the state make the convention a matter of prayer in its services next Sunday. Pray that God may lead and guide Mississippi Baptists in this critical hour of history.

SUGGESTED ORDER OF BUSINESS

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11:30 Special Music	Jim Raymick
11:35 Worship Hour	
Scripture and Prayer	Carless Evans
Convention Sermon	N. F. Davis
Alternate	Carless Evans
Closing Prayer	Frank Barrett
12:05 Adjourn	
Tuesday Afternoon	
1:50 Organ Prelude	Hazel Chisholm
2:00 Song and Praise	Tommy Howard
2:05 Special Music	Candlelighters
	Baptist Church
	Hattiesburg
	Ferrell Cork
	R. C. Albritton
2:10 Scripture	Harry L. Spencer
Prayer	Donald Roark
2:15 Baptist Foundation	
2:25 Long-Range Study	
3:10 Election of Officers	
Miscellaneous Business	
3:30 Mississippi Baptist Hospital	Paul J. Pryor
3:40 Baptist Memorial Hospital	Frank S. Gruber
3:50 Special Music	Clarke College
4:00 Message	C. E. Autrey
Closing Prayer	J. B. Young
4:30 Adjourn	
Tuesday Evening	
7:00 Organ Prelude	Hazel Chisholm
7:10 Song and Praise	Dennis Kissinger
Special Music	Singing Churchmen
7:15 Scripture	P. K. Horton
Prayer	Roy Kuykendall
7:20 Woman's Missionary Union	Edwina Robinson
7:35 State Mission Emphasis	Chester L. Quarles
8:35 Special Music	Mississippi College
8:40 Message	H. Franklin Paschall
Closing Prayer	Charles Agnew
9:15 Adjourn	
Wednesday Morning	
8:50 Organ Prelude	Hazel Chisholm
9:00 Song and Praise	H. G. Earwood, Jr.
9:05 Special Music	Crusader's Band
9:10 Scripture	William Carey College
Prayer	Joe Ratcliff
9:15 Reading of Minutes	Ralph Hester, Sr.
9:20 Miscellaneous Business and Report of Committees:	Paul Adams
1. Resolutions	
2. Nominations	
3. Time, Place and Preacher	
4. Constitution and By-Laws Committee	
5:40 Christian Action Commission	J. Clark Hensley
10:05 Convention Board Report	D. C. Applegate
Adoption of Budget	
10:35 Board of Ministerial Education	W. W. Stevens
10:50 Baptist Record	Joe T. Odle
11:05 Baptist Education Study Task	Owen Cooper
11:20 Special Music	William Carey College
11:25 Message	David Q. Byrd
Closing Prayer	Lacey Hodges
12:00 Adjourn	
12:30 Seminary Luncheons	
New Orleans	Southwestern
Southeastern	Midwestern
Southern	Golden Gate

The Christian Education Report

The Long Range Committee on Christian Education, which will make its report to the convention next week, has rendered a monumental service to Mississippi Baptists. The committee, appointed two years ago, and comprised of a group of top leadership in Mississippi Baptist life, both laymen and preachers, has worked under the direction of its chairman, Donald Roark of Yazoo City. It has made one of the most comprehensive and exhaustive studies of the whole Mississippi Baptist program of higher education ever made by any group.

The report, which is published in full in this issue of the Baptist Record, is a long one, but it is MUST reading for every Mississippi Baptist who wishes to be well informed concerning the actual situation faced by state Baptists in the field of higher education, and what they MUST do if they are to remain in that field.

Decisions concerning higher education which the Mississippi Baptist Convention must make in this and coming years, should be based upon facts rather than sentiment, and this report provides the facts, and some conclusions and recommendations based upon them.

It has been well known for several years that all private colleges were facing a crisis, and that Mississippi Baptist institutions were included. Trustees and administrators of our schools have grappled with increasingly serious problems, and have continued to inform the constituency of the difficulties which were developing. However, for the first time, a committee has been given the assignment of taking a serious look at these problems, summarizing them, and offering suggested solutions. This special committee has done its work well, and at last Mississippi Baptists can look at the problems with full information in hand.

The report is startling in some of its statements. One is sobered when he reads such statements as these:

"Unless Baptists are willing to provide financial support that makes it possible for their institutions to render distinctive service, they have no business in the field of higher education. A weak and struggling Baptist college in this era of mass support for public higher education cannot be justified."

"No institution of higher learning regardless of its size or location can escape the impact of the Federal government's involvement in higher education. Of the 2,200 institutions of higher learning in the United States, about 1,800 participate in one or more federally supported or sponsored programs. Even an institution which receives no federal dollars is affected—for it must compete for faculty, students, and private dollars with institutions that do receive federal funds."

"Mississippi Baptist colleges find themselves in some measure of financial distress. Present sources of current income do not yield sufficient funds even to provide for a reasonably limited program of instruction. Adequate funds to meet capital needs for expansion of facilities are not in sight. Most of our institutions thus find themselves uncomfortably near the margin of creditable quality."

The report adds "The denomination has the privilege of providing adequate facilities and the proper atmosphere in which the student can grow intellectually and increase in his understanding of the meaning of a vital faith in God. Baptist institutions of higher learn-

ing which are not distinctive in this sphere have little basis for their existence."

Concerning finances the report says "Unless larger income can be secured from other sources, the cost to students will necessarily continue to increase," and "It seems clear that if our institutions are to survive during the next two decades, they must secure endowment funds that approximate the recommended \$4,000 per student. It is strongly urged that endowment funds be secured to meet the suggested minimum as early as possible."

Speaking concerning faculty salaries, the report says, "With the difference here noted between the salaries paid by public institutions and Baptist institutions in Mississippi it seems clear that the that Baptists are in no position to recruit and retain qualified faculty members, to say nothing of the lack of ability to secure faculty members of outstanding quality."

Summarizing all of the financial problems the report says "Mississippi Baptists cannot hope to continue the operation of their four colleges even on the basis of present quality unless they increase the present schedule of financial support. In other words, it should be understood that operation on the present financial basis will make it impossible for some of the colleges to continue in the years ahead."

The report is not negative, for after its findings and conclusions, it makes some positive recommendations concerning operation of the colleges. However, these are based largely upon the premise that the convention does provide much larger financial support for Christian education. The report offers some alternatives in case of failure to find a way to provide adequate financial support. These include going out of the business of providing Christian higher education, closing some schools or combining some of them, operating sub-standard schools which soon will die, releasing some of the schools to become private institutions not related to the denomination, accept federal aid, etc. The report does not recommend any of these, but simply says that either we must provide substantial increases in financial aid, or we will find it necessary to do some of these other things.

This report makes clear that the real Christian educational problems are not primarily those which have been debated by Mississippi Baptists during the last few years. Indeed this report does not touch on the subject of compliance agreements, and says very little about federal aid. The real issues before Mississippi Baptists are "How much money can we provide for Christian education?" and "What kind of an educational program can we provide with the money we are able and willing to give?"

These then are the issues which Mississippi Baptists face as they receive this report. The committee has done its job well, and is bringing the problems realistically into focus. They have made some positive suggestions which should be accepted and implemented. There is nothing of a controversial nature in the report, and there is no reason that it should create division.

What is should do is startle us and challenge us, and start us on the road to positive action toward a real solution of the educational problems. Just adopting it and forgetting it will not be enough. This will leave the problems still unsolved, just as in the past.

The time has come when Mississippi Baptists must act, and act positively if the educational program is to be maintained. This report of the special committee is a start in the right direction.

Monday Holiday**Bill Dead For Current Session**

WASHINGTON (BP) — Chairman Emanuel Cellar (D., N. Y.) of the House Judiciary Committee says that a bill providing for uniform Monday observance of five national holidays is dead for this session of Congress. Cellar's remarks came after the committee voted changes in the bill, yet took no final action to report the bill to the House Floor.

The committee voted to keep the Fourth of July and Thanksgiving Day where they are now, and also tentatively decided that Veteran's Day should remain on November 11.

This action left only Labor Day which already falls on Monday, Memorial Day and Washington's Birthday as potential candidates for changes that would create annual three-day weekends.

Calendar of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

November 13 — Charles Everett, Lamar — Pearl River supt. of missions; Guy Graham, Itawamba County supt. of missions.

November 14 — Lula Collier, Baptist Book Store; Johnell Cooley, Baptist Book Store.

November 15 — Mrs. Tennessee Glee Jones, staff, Children's Village; Mrs. Donna Wheeler, staff, William Carey College.

November 16 — Mrs. J. M. Wells, faculty, Blue Mountain College; Evelyn Ayers, psychiatric nursing instructor, Gilroy School of Nursing.

November 17 — Zadeen Walton, Baptist Building; Bobbie Reed, Baptist Building.

November 18 — Albert Brady, staff, Clark's College; Charles Lott, Baptist student director, Mississippi Delta Junior College.

November 19 — Charles Scott, faculty, Mississippi College; W. O. Sadler, faculty, Mississippi College.



The House Judiciary Committee is preparing for hearings this fall. "A broad cross section of the American people is gravely disturbed with the practices of the auto-insurance industry," says the committee's chairman, New York Democrat Emanuel Cellar. "If there is anything wrong, the cause necessarily will be found in the inadequacy of state regulation."

Cellar's questions focus on the cancellations and non-renewals of policies, the industry's rate-setting procedures, a wave of insolvencies that has toppled 73 companies in the last five years, whether there is racial discrimination in writing insurance, and the need for a Federal reinsurance program to protect the victims of such failures.

"This will be a time of testing for all of us that are associated with the auto, its hazards, or with its claims," says Edward B. Rust, president of the industry's leader, State Farm Mutual Insurance Co. "We are a ready target for the politician, the regulator and the critical press." (Newsweek, August 1967)

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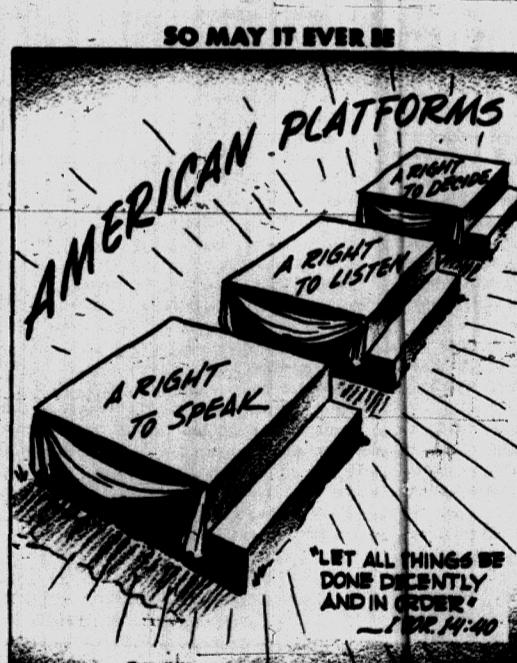
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**Wednesday Afternoon**

2:00 Organ Prelude	Hazel Chisholm
2:10 Song and Praise	Graham Smith
2:15 Special Music	Carl Bridgman & Bill Benson
2:20 Scripture	George Douglas
Prayer	Harry Martin
2:25 Education Commission	John E. Barnes
2:40 Retirement Plans	W. R. Roberts
2:55 Mississippi Baptist Seminary	Wm. P. Davis
3:05 Gilfoy School of Nursing	Paul J. Pryor
3:15 Miscellaneous Business	
3:30 Hymn	Graham Smith
3:45 Mississippi College	R. A. McLemore
3:55 Blue Mountain College	J. Ralph Noonester
4:05 Clarke Memorial College	E. Harold Fisher
4:15 Recognition of Seminary Representatives	W. Lowry Compere
4:30 Special Music	Blue Mountain College
4:35 Message	Lottie Wright
Closing Prayer	H. L. Hutcherson
5:00 Adjourn	
Wednesday Evening	
6:30 Organ Prelude	Hazel Chisholm
7:05 Song and Praise	Illion Burd
Special Music	Broadmoor Baptist Church
7:10 Scripture	Robert Sheffield
Prayer	James Graves
7:15 Cooperative Missions	Ray Rogers
7:30 Missionary Panel	Hal Lee, France
W. L. Cooper, Southeast America	
James Foster, Philippines	
E. J. Howell, Nursing	
8:10 Brotherhood	Gilfoy School
8:20 Special Music	

YOUTH SESSION

Thursday Evening—Mississippi Coliseum
Instrumental Prelude

7:00 "Now Sing We Joyfully Unto God"	Young Combined Choirs

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Report Of Long Range Committee On Christian Education

The personnel serving on the Long Range Christian Education Study Committee, appointed by the Mississippi Baptist Convention November 15-17, 1965, were: Dr. Donald B. Roark, Director of Cooperative Services, Mississippi Chemical Corporation, Meridian; Dr. C. Applegate, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Starkville; Dr. J. W. Howard, Spill, Dean, Mississippi College, Clinton; Mr. J. B. Young, President, Coahoma Junior College, Newton; Dr. Bob N. Ramsay, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Brookhaven; Dr. David R. Grant, Pastor, Broadmoor Baptist Church, Jackson; Mr. Horace Headrick, Headrick Furniture, Laurel; Dr. Bill Simmons, Pastor, Fifteenth Avenue Baptist Church, Meridian; Dr. C. Hammett III, Pastor, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Hattiesburg; Dr. Beverly Tinsley, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Meridian; Mr. Glenn Perry, Perry Construction Company, Philadelphia.

The committee elected the following officers at its first meeting: Chairman, Dr. Donald B. Roark; Vice Chairman, Dr. D. C. Applegate; Secretary, Dr. Howard E. Spill.

The committee as originally appointed remained intact except for the resignation due to personal health of Dr. D. C. Applegate in March, 1966.

Dr. Frank Campbell, Chairman of the Board of the Associated Consultant in Education, Tallahassee, Florida, served as general consultant to the committee. Dr. Campbell's advice, counsel, guidance, direction, and encouragement were invaluable to the committee.

The committee, with a good working majority present each time, met in Jackson on the following dates:

September 1, 1965; November 7, 1965; January 13, 1967; February 17, 1967; March 28, 1967; May 1, 1967; July 6, 1967; August 10, 1967.

The committee was subdivided into task forces with each member serving on at least two different task forces. The task forces met frequently during the interims between committee meetings. It was understood that prior to each committee meeting, the task forces would have their portion of the study report prepared in multiple copies for distribution, review, evaluation, and clearance by the committee for inclusion in the composite report.

Dr. Donald B. Roark, Chairman of the Committee, prepared the composite report from task forces reports which had been approved in principle and submitted it to each member of the committee prior to the August 10, 1967 meeting. At the August 10, 1967 meeting, the Long Range Christian Education Study Committee approved the report as presented in this manuscript.

This report was presented by the Long Range Christian Education Study Committee to the Education Commission, the college Presidents and representatives of the college's administrative staffs and Boards of Trustees, Executive Secretary of Mississippi Baptist Convention, President of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, President of Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union, Editor of the *Baptist Record* and Business Manager of Mississippi Baptist Convention in a joint meeting on August 31, 1967.

I. INTRODUCTION

The Baptists of Mississippi, like those of every other state, are devoted to the basic objective of fulfilling the redemptive purpose of Jesus Christ, our Lord, for all mankind, as set forth in the great commission. To this end, the Mississippi Baptist Convention Christian Education Program is designed to develop the denomination's future leadership and to provide strong Christian lay leadership in business, the professions, and in all areas of daily life.

Colleges were established in the American colonies to train community leaders and especially ministers. Nearly 300 years later, the independent institutions are still educating leaders, but the concept of leadership has changed and expanded. Now the colleges are preparing their students for all professions.

Private colleges have a long and distinguished tradition of educating for leadership. Their emphasis on the importance of the individual, their flexibility in developing curricula, their emphasis on religious freedom, their responsiveness to the needs of private sectors of our society, these and other attributes contribute to their uniqueness.

This Report on Christian Education is presented to the Mississippi Baptist Convention at a very critical time in denominational, national, and world history. Change and uncertainty abound. The decisions and actions of men linger briefly on the stage of the present and become history with such speed that near chaos at times threatens because our former beliefs in economics, government, international relations, and human relations are not adequate for the fast pace.

Many of the resulting problems naturally focus on education. One of the very real resulting issues is not whether our schools are good but whether they are good enough to meet tomorrow's problems. These will be infinitely more complex than those of the past or of the present. We who are the proponents of Christian Education realize that the sense of direction and values provided by Christian interpretation will be more and more essential. They will, in fact, be indispensable.

If our colleges are to be girded adequately for this overwhelming future, the focus of education must shift from teaching to learning, and from emphasis on memory to emphasis on creativity formulating attitudes and values. This shift will be revolutionary, but lesser measures will be inadequate. In it all, a Christian emphasis is vital.

So, in times like these when even a machine can be taught to think, certainly a college education is essential and a Christian education is preferable. Many of those destined to lead our denomination, our state, and our nation, will get their essential education in Mississippi Baptist Colleges.

The Baptist colleges of Mississippi have a vital role as centers for developing the most precious resources of all—the capability of the individual—and a Christian education program which will perpetuate the denomination and ensure its fullest growth by providing means for developing new leadership to fulfill the basic objective of bringing men into the right relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

The history of the Christian education movement among Mississippi Baptists is a record of frustration characterized by myopia.

As early as 1817, 10 years before the Mississippi Baptist Convention was organized, the Mississippi Baptist Association adopted a plan for "raising a fund, for the special purpose of promoting the proper education of pious young men called to the great and important work of the gospel ministry." Baptists never seem to act hastily. In 1838, the Mississippi Baptist Education Society was organized for the purpose of establishing an institution for Christian education. The Society was granted a charter in 1838 by the state legislature to operate Judson Institute. From the very beginning, the Institute encountered difficulty—it was first located at Society Ridge, near Pocahontas, then it was moved to Palestine Church near Raymond.

The first annual meeting of the Baptist denomination in the state of Mississippi in 1837 noted "an increasing desire on the part of the Baptist denomination in this state to promote education," and commented with obvious pleasure "they seem to be waking up in good earnest to the subject." In continuing the report on education, the committee reported the establishment of a manual training school that was "ready for the reception of students," and further commented, "This speaks a language in favor of education not to be misunderstood."

From the beginning, then, the Baptists of the state have had an uncommon interest in education. During the first years of the reorganized Baptist State Convention the story is one of struggles, frustrations, failures, and mediocrity. The acquisition of Mis-

sissippi College in 1850 started the Baptists of Mississippi on a program of Christian education that is known and respected.

During its over 130 years, the Mississippi Baptist Convention has not founded a single surviving institution of higher learning. It has acquired three senior colleges and one junior college by adoption. The operation of these institutions has not been without problems, most of which have revolved around financial support.

As evidence of its continuing concern for Christian education and of its awareness of the crisis facing Mississippi Baptist colleges, the Mississippi Baptist Convention in its 130th session, November 15-17, 1965, authorized the appointment of a committee "to make a comprehensive study of Christian education in Mississippi concurrent with and in cooperation with the study being made by the Southern Baptist Convention Education Commission."

In presenting this report on long range planning for Christian higher education, the committee takes account of certain fundamental concepts. Understandings were formulated for the guidance of the committee in the discharge of its responsibilities. The first step was toward a consensus that could be used to decide matters on which effort should be directed. It is the belief of the committee that these concepts and understandings are generally recognized, though not supported wholeheartedly, by Mississippi Baptists. The following statements, therefore, have served as guides in making the studies that underlie the report.

1. Higher education is basic ingredient of the process by which Baptists proclaim the Christian message. Along with missions and benevolences, education is an integral part of the Christian witness.
2. Baptists are obligated to support financially, morally, and spiritually the institutions they own and sponsor. From the beginning, Mississippi Baptists have expected their colleges to provide a continuing supply of effective Christian leadership.
3. Christian higher education is vital to the churches and to the organizations of churches through which the Christian witness is proclaimed. It provides a basic education for those who are to prepare for the Christian ministry and other specialized Christian vocations. It also contributes to the strength of the churches by training dedicated Christian laymen.
4. Competing in the broad field of higher education, Baptists have the obligation to provide programs of the highest academic quality. "Tolerably good is not enough." Unless Baptists are willing to provide financial support that makes it possible for their institutions to render distinctive service, they have no business in the field of higher education. A weak and struggling Baptist college in this era of mass support for public higher education cannot be justified.

No institution of higher learning regardless of its size or location can escape the impact of the Federal government's involvement in higher education. Of the 2,200 institutions of higher learning in the United States, about 1,800 participate in one or more federally supported or sponsored programs. Even an institution which receives no federal dollars is affected—for it must compete for faculty, students, and private dollars with the institutions that do receive federal funds.

The Federal government is now the "big spender" in the academic world. Last year the Federal government spent more money on the nation's campuses than did the 50 state governments combined. The five billion dollars or so that the Federal government will spend on campuses this year constitutes more than 25 per cent of higher education's total budget.

Financial support is quite generally considered a major aspect of the present crisis because it is easily identifiable. Mississippi Baptist colleges find themselves in some measure of financial distress. Present sources of current income do not yield sufficient funds even to provide for a reasonably limited program of instruction. Adequate funds to meet the capital needs for expansion in facilities are not in sight. Most of our institutions thus find themselves uncomfortably near the margin of creditable quality.

But there is an essential place for the college of higher academic quality that is distinctively Christian. Necessary elements that distinguish an effective Baptist college are as follows:

1. The educational program takes full account of the individual student as a person. Its program is directed to the process of assisting the individual in his search for truth, even the truth of God in Christ Jesus.
2. It recognizes the integrity of the curriculum which includes the several academic disciplines of which the history and literature of the Judeo-Christian message is a part. It does not consider courses in Bible and religion as elements apart from the academic curriculum.
3. It is distinctive in its excellence, thus, it must not accept more students than it can serve well.

The Christian college has a unique function which cannot be performed by secular educational institutions or even by other distinctively Christian institutions, including the churches.

The distinctive mark of the Christian college is that it finds its integrating principle and philosophy in the Christian faith. It is a school for higher education facing the responsibility for achieving academic excellence like any other college, but bearing the added responsibility of maintaining Christian commitment in policy and action. The Christian college must combine a respect for reason and science with a reverence for total Biblical revelation.

In the light of these concepts, the Long Range Christian Education Committee has made numerous studies in order to provide a factual basis for its report. Although complete analytical study of all details that are involved in the operation of our Baptist colleges has not been made, the committee has gathered a wealth of information covering many essential elements included in our study. The presidents, deans, and other staff members of the several institutions, were most helpful and cooperative in providing information which was requested.

A great deal of information regarding higher education, generally, both in Mississippi and elsewhere, has been analyzed. From such information the committee has been able to develop a reasonable good concept of present conditions and of the problems that are faced by Mississippi Baptists.

For convenience, the report is presented in relation to certain major aspects of our Christian education enterprise. Each of the major aspect of the study is presented as a section of the report.

II. PHILOSOPHY AND PURPOSE

Through the years it has been generally assumed that the Christian college has provided an essential

means for the extension of the Christian message. Mississippi Baptists have long accepted this concept and as a means of achieving their objectives have developed and sustained four institutions of higher learning. The Mississippi Baptist Convention has accepted the responsibility of providing facilities and personnel that will enable its colleges to turn out leaders who will, in the words of the Apostle Paul, "be complete, thoroughly furnished unto every good work."

The term, higher education, implies an institution where the spirit of inquiry and investigation is free to search for truth, and confront world issues and world ideologies, where the student can communicate intelligently and make decisions wisely.

Thus, Baptist colleges are not conceived as institutions to provide sanctuaries from perplexing questions or where traditions of the supporting agency are merely memorized and nominally accepted. Rather, they should provide an atmosphere in which students and faculty alike can become involved in the exciting process of examination, evaluation, and application of Christian principles as they impinge upon constantly changing conditions and issues.

Effective higher education for the time in which we live requires physical facilities that are functional, reasonably comfortable, completely safe, and attractive. It requires a competent faculty of dedicated Christian scholars. It must have adequate financial, moral, and spiritual support from the Baptist constituency.

With the freedom to explore and evaluate, and with adequate facilities and support, Mississippi Baptist institutions of higher learning have the opportunity and responsibility for providing an education which will help all their students to develop their potential for becoming useful citizens. Although this in itself is a worthy goal, there is the greater responsibility for training future leaders of the denomination. This function has two aspects: (1) to turn out thoroughly grounded and strongly motivated lay leaders; and (2) to educate those who will spend their lives in some phase of specialized Christian service.

It is in this latter area that the colleges' loyalty to the message of their supporting agency is most clearly recognized.

The basic attitude, climate, and environment in which education is carried on constitute the very heart of Christian higher education. This, rather than the mere introduction to or mastery of certain bodies of subject matter will determine the product. Since the key to the nature and quality of the product is the faculty, the denomination has the right to insist that administrators and teachers be Christians in the finest sense of the term. Wherever possible, they should be active members of Baptist churches, but in no case should administrators or faculty members be employed whose attitudes or activities bring discredit upon the message which the denomination has the responsibility and opportunity for proclaiming.

The denomination has the privilege of providing adequate facilities and the proper atmosphere in which the student can grow intellectually and increase in his understanding of the meaning of a vital faith in God. Baptist institutions of higher learning which are not distinctive in this sphere have little basis for their existence.

III. CURRICULUM

A. Scope of Curriculum—Majors and Minors

It is generally assumed that a minimum educational program for a Christian college of liberal arts should include:

1. General education covering the major field of knowledge,
2. Major and minor emphasis in a number of fields with the beginnings of specialization, including pre-professional curricula for professional schools such as law, medicine, theology, etc., and
3. Certain applied undergraduate curricula in the fields of demonstrated needs. Junior colleges, of course, limit their curricula to General Education plus certain two year terminal curricula in applied fields such as nursing, secretarial science, etc.

In order for a college to provide these essentials, it must provide an adequate number of course offerings in the various fields of knowledge. With the constant addition of new elements to the store of human knowledge, the curriculum must be adaptable and must be under constant study.

One indication of the adequacy of the scope of curriculum is reflected in the nature and extent of provision for major and minor emphasis in the various areas of knowledge.

An examination of the catalogs of the four institutions of higher learning operated by the Mississippi Baptist Convention reveals that they are operating

within the framework of their stated purposes. The field of General Education or the basis for Liberal Education is well covered.

Since different schools vary a great deal in the terminology they use in describing work offered in the college, it is difficult to find an accurate basis for comparisons (where such are desired) and for evaluating various programs. For example, one school may simply list the major of a graduating student under the general heading of "Music," while another may break the majors down into Church Music, Music Education, Music Theory, or Applied Music.

On the spot comparisons and discussions would be necessary for the truest possible picture to be secured in regard to the majore that are offered by Mississippi Baptist colleges. On the whole, the evidence seems to be clear that the breadth of course offerings in the realm of "majors" is sufficient, and if there is any question, it would be as to whether or not certain majors ought to be offered. At the same time, it should be remembered that when one considers the number of graduates in major subjects in one single year and tries to form an opinion on this, he is treading on untenable ground. This is true because, in small colleges, it is possible for the majors in a given department to vary considerably from one year to the next.

The use of the term major and minor does not cover adequately the work that is being done in a college. A major or a minor may not be offered in a certain department and yet the department may offer for a considerable number of courses which may be taken by students because of their value in the field of general education or as partial requirements in their major or minor.

Each four-year liberal arts college usually endeavors to provide major and minor sequences in the several different fields of knowledge. This is desirable in order that students may pursue studies in some depth in the field of their special interest.

As a rule, faculty members in each of the several departments of a college feel that they must offer both major and minor work in order to contribute to the purposes of a liberal education. As a matter of fact, the three four-year colleges operated by Mississippi Baptists reflect this point of view.

One index of the effectiveness of a college is the extent to which courses that are offered are taken by students. A large number of classes with small enrollments should call for critical study and analysis.

The number of under-sized classes in Mississippi Baptist colleges is sufficiently large to warrant serious study. A summary of reports on small classes is shown in Table 1.

TABLE 1
SMALL CLASSES IN MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST COLLEGES (1965-66)

INSTITUTION	Total Classes	Percent Classes		Percent Classes
		10 or Less	5 or Less	
Blue Mountain	156	29	17.9	18
Clarke	134	18	13.4	0
Mississippi College	507	84	16.5	30
William Carey	364	108	29.6	51

From this information it is evident that full coverage of all subject fields with major offerings presents a difficult problem. In the case of Mississippi College and William Carey College, both of which are located in fairly populous areas, some cooperative arrangement may be possible whereby students desiring majors in departments rarely used may be accommodated. For example, part-time instructors from nearby institutions of higher learning might prove to be effective and economical. It is also conceivable that there could be developed some agreeable division among the Baptist institutions whereby rarely called for majors could be so divided that such a major would appear in only one institution. In such cases, students requiring such major studies would be referred to the appropriate institution. This possibility should be thoroughly explored.

In the case of Blue Mountain College, it is difficult to see how a full liberal arts program can be provided until the student body reaches at least 500 full time students, a number that will justify active majors in at least a dozen fields.

There is room for serious question as to whether all three of our senior colleges should offer majors in Home Economics when the tendency among Baptist colleges in other states is to abandon the offering of a major in Home Economics.

The committee is not encouraged by any immediate and bright prospect of change with respect to under-sized classes, course proliferation, and unwise and wasteful duplication. However, these matters need to be considered in light of possible increased inter-institutional cooperation.

TABLE 2

TABULATIONS SHOWING DOCTORATES IN FIELDS IN WHICH MAJORS ARE OFFERED BY THE SENIOR BAPTIST COLLEGES OF MISSISSIPPI FOR SESSION 1965-66

FIELDS	NUMBER OF PERSONS HOLDING DOCTORATES				

One easily recognizes the dilemma in which a college is placed in the matter of course offerings. This simply means that a college president and the board of trustees of an institution can easily assume the attitude that if they continue to restrict the number of areas in which majors are offered, they will drastically decrease the number of prospective students which they hope to enroll in their institution.

On the other hand, the addition of courses in the hope that they will serve to attract additional students has resulted in many institutions in the undue proliferation of courses for which there can be little justification. Such proliferation lies at the root of much of the financial distress of colleges and universities because of an unduly large number of undersized classes.

Each of the institutions appears to have controlled the number of courses offered reasonably well. Consistent work by faculty and administration can keep the number within such bounds as can be justified. By maintaining a faculty-student ratio of 1:20, undue proliferation of courses can be fairly well controlled. The committee does observe, however, that the Mississippi Baptist educational tree needs curriculum pruning and continued care.

B. The Faculty and the Curriculum

It is the opinion of the committee that the curricula at our Baptist schools are influenced, if not actually determined, by faculty training as well as by other factors, such as enrollment and the extent to which majors and minors are offered in the several disciplines.

The quality of the teaching staff of a college is determined in large measure by the amount and quality of graduate study in which they have engaged. It is therefore essential that each institution secure the services of a considerable number of faculty members who have earned doctor's degrees from well-known graduate schools. However, excessive academic inbreeding should be avoided.

The academic and professional training of the faculty is an important factor in meeting the standards of the accrediting agencies. Excessive academic inbreeding or the recruitment of substantial numbers of faculty members from any graduate institution is looked upon with concern by such agencies.

Standard No. 5 of the Standards for Colleges adopted by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools deals with the Faculty. In the section on academic preparation of the above mentioned standard the Southern Association has the following statement:

"In all colleges at least forty per cent of the teaching faculty should possess professional preparation equivalent to two years of advanced study beyond the bachelor's degree. In senior colleges, at least sixty per cent of the teaching faculty should possess professional preparation equivalent to three years of advanced study beyond the bachelor's degree and at least thirty per cent should hold the earned doctor's degree."

In junior colleges in any department composed of as many as four faculty members, at least one should possess professional preparation equivalent to three years of advanced study beyond the bachelor's degree. In senior colleges, in any department or division composed of four or more faculty members, at least twenty-five per cent should have an earned doctorate. In any department or division offering a major or field of concentration, at least one member or twenty-five per cent, whichever is greater, should hold the earned doctorate in the area of concentration.

In the creative of applied arts or in any higher specialized professional or technical field, evidence of professional competency in the area of specialization is recognized and may be acceptable in lieu of advanced degrees."

Table 2 (for the three senior colleges) indicates the number of people holding the doctorate in each field in which the institutions have indicated they offer a major. Tabulations listed are for only one year, the session of 1965-66. However, from this tabulation it would seem that our colleges must either secure persons with a doctorate in certain areas or discontinue the practice of allowing students to major in that area.

It should be kept in mind that tabulations which have been listed are for the session 1965-66 and that all of our schools have added more faculty members with the doctorate or have members of their own staff. Completing the doctorate by the end of the summer of 1967.

It is interesting and helpful to note that in almost every case faculty members holding the T.D. degree are those who are teaching in the fields of Religion and Philosophy and not in fields outside their area of competence.

C. Enrollment

The size and composition of the student body influences the nature of the curriculum in a liberal arts college. It is generally assumed that a certain minimum enrollment must be maintained if an institution is to support a minimum effective college of liberal arts. It is further assumed that an institution should limit its enrollment to a number whom the institution can serve with distinctiveness and can finance adequately. Five hundred full time students is generally accepted by authorities in higher education as the minimum. A college with a small enrollment finds it extremely difficult to sustain classes in the various courses that are usually accepted as necessary for a liberal arts program.

Most institutions are averse to limiting the number of students whom they will admit. However, such limitation is rigidly maintained in the majority of liberal arts colleges that have achieved and maintained distinction. Table 3 shows the enrollments, faculties, and endowments in selected liberal arts colleges that limit their enrollments even though their endowments would support much larger numbers. Assuming a faculty-student ratio of 1:20, an institution should accept only the number of students that can be supported adequately with the financial resources available. With such limitations the curriculum can be de-

termined with adequate coverage and at the same time be administered so as to require a minimum number of small classes. This would tend to make the cost per student justifiable even when faculties were paid salaries at competitive rates.

TABLE 3

ENROLLMENTS, FACULTY AND ENDOWMENTS IN SELECTED LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGES (1964-65)

NAME	ENROLLMENT (Number)	FACULTY (Number)	ENDOWMENT (Dollars)
Amherst	1,075	128	40,232,107
Berea	1,277	110	30,594,056
Bowdoin	706	100	22,450,000
Bryn Mawr	901	160	20,295,731
Carleton	1,320	110	16,700,000
Colgate	1,436	146	12,337,100
Davidson	962	83	11,500,000
Hamilton	780	86	12,200,000
Macalester	1,340	114	13,922,202
Middlebury	1,308	96	12,365,500
Pomona	1,060	105	28,279,000
Swarthmore	973	122	18,472,063
Trinity (Conn.)	1,300	151	13,000,000
Williams	1,134	140	31,000,000

Enrollment in Baptist colleges in Mississippi presents a number of problems that must be taken into account in the development of any long range plan. A number of factors operate to make it increasingly difficult for the church related college to secure desired numbers of qualified students. Of special concern is the element of competition with tax-supported colleges and universities. The tuition and fees in the public colleges and universities are substantially lower than in the private colleges. Many of the public institutions make available large numbers of scholarships and other types of financial aid to students.

As a basis for future planning, each of the Baptist colleges was requested to indicate its projected enrollment to the year 1975-76. In order to provide some basis for comparison, actual enrollments for 1962-63 to the present were also included. These projections are summarized in Table 4.

These projected enrollments seem to be desirable when considered in relation to the support of an academic program of proper scope; however, the rate of growth projected, except in the case of Mississippi College, is over optimistic and larger than can reasonably be expected if the increase in financial support is to be directed mainly to the improvement of educational quality rather than to the factor of growth. In other words, it will be necessary for the financial support of the colleges to increase at a greater rate than the increase in enrollment.

Soaring college enrollments have so monopolized attention in recent years that a major related development has been frequently overlooked—patterns of college attendance are changing. In the South, and nationwide, an increasing share of the student population is found at public rather than private institutions, and despite great numerical increases in enrollment at all types of public institutions, the junior and senior colleges are growing more dramatically than are the universities. These trends form valuable guide posts for educational planning.

In the last decade (1955-65), the number of students enrolled in Southern institutions has more than doubled, climbing from 670,000 to 1,386,000. Despite absolute gains in attendance at private institutions, there have been major shifts to the public sector. The percentage of total enrollment attending public institutions has risen from 63.7 to 72.6 in ten years. According to a report of the Southern Regional Educational Board issued in early 1967, the per cent of college enrollment, by level and control, in Mississippi in 1955 and 1965 was as follows in Table 5.

TABLE 5

PER CENT OF COLLEGE ENROLLMENT, BY LEVEL AND CONTROL IN MISSISSIPPI FROM 1955 TO 1965

	1955	1965	1955	1965
	Public	Private	Public	Private
Universities	10.9	—	27.1	—
Senior Colleges	28.8	18.3	33.3	11.3
Junior Colleges	38.1	3.9	25.0	3.3
TOTAL	77.8	22.2	85.4	14.6

In other words, the percentage of enrollment attending all private colleges in Mississippi decreased 7.8 per cent from 1955 to 1965.

An important factor contributing to the changing attendance pattern is the tightening of admission requirements at senior colleges and particularly at universities. The more advanced the curriculum and the higher the degree which is offered, the more selective an institution tends to be. Pressures to gain admission have mounted with the increasing demand for the opportunity to attend college. This competition for limited spaces has enabled institutions to exercise greater freedom of selection of students. Today, for example, not a single Southern member of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges is legally required to admit all resident high school graduates.

Some of the nation's most selective institutions are in the South. One of the most used guides to American colleges classifies institutions by degree of selectivity, and Southern institutions are represented in each category as follows: 10 per cent of the total—most selective, 11 per cent of the total—highly selective, 17 per cent of the total—very selective, and 22 per cent of the total—selective.

Certain limitations must be faced in the future enrollments of Mississippi Baptist colleges. Nearly all of the projections of enrollments for private colleges and universities indicate that they have reached a plateau. Recent projections for public and private institutions in Mississippi made by the Board of Trustees, Institutions of Higher Learning, State of Mississippi, substantiate this point.

Contrary to popular belief of a few years ago when private institutions assumed that substantial growth was certain, there is every indication that the total enrollment in private institutions will remain

TABLE 4

ENROLLMENTS IN MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST COLLEGES 1962-63 TO 1966-67 AND PROJECTIONS TO 1975-76 BY THE INSTITUTIONS

Year	Mississippi College FTE % Inc.	Blue Mountain FTE % Inc.	Clarke FTE % Inc.	William Carey FTE % Inc.
1962-63	1543	200	204	610
1963-64	1565	1.5	207	8.8
1964-65	1562	1.4	205	8.5
1965-66	1603	8.8	341	13.7
1966-67	1700	3.8	304	11.1
1967-68	1806	2.7	375	10.5
1968-69	1806	2.7	425	11.0
1969-70	1912	3.0	450	12.0
1970-71	2218	19.7	600	33.3

TABLE 6
THE EXTENT OF FINANCIAL AID TO STUDENTS IN
MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST COLLEGES
1965-66

Enrollment	No. of Students Receiving Help	% of Students Receiving Help	Total Cost Per Student	Average Amount Aid Per Student	% of Total Cost Each Receives
Mississippi College	954	56%	\$1300.00	\$277.44	21%
William Carey	779	61%	\$1176.00	\$455.00	39%
Blue Mountain	341	50%	\$1000.00	\$131.43	13%
Clarke	300	35%	\$820.00	\$157.00	19%

NOTE — The total cost per student is inevitably an average. The percentage of financial aid does not include special students or special assistance such as music scholarships, etc., that cost more.

TABLE 7
SOURCES OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID
IN
MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST COLLEGES
1965-66

Financial Aid	Mississippi College No. Students Amount	William Carey No. Students Amount	Blue Mountain No. Students Amount	Clarke No. Students Amount
Scholarships	283 \$ 42,550.26	85 \$ 40,350.00	41 \$ 7,375.00	57 \$ 5,000.00
Student Loans	Average: \$150.35	Average: \$462.93	Average: \$179.66	Average: \$89.29
Student Enrollment	290 \$ 14,505.00	238 \$102,306.00	2 \$ 800.00	30 \$ 7,436.86
Direct Grants	372 \$ 80,024.79	124 \$ 66,050.00	Average: \$420.00	Average: \$247.89
TOTAL	954 \$264,680.05	476 \$213,617.00	171 \$22,474.65	127 \$19,951.86

fairly constant or perhaps even decrease in the foreseeable future. This would indicate that institutions which maintain their present levels of enrollment must provide educational service that is of distinctive high quality. Each institution should consider limiting its enrollment to a number that can be financed successfully. So far as the curriculum is concerned, constant attention must be given to the provision of courses of instruction that can be fully justified.

The problem of low enrollment applies mainly to Blue Mountain College which has a long history of small enrollments. Its location away from populous areas indicates that it will be extremely difficult to recruit enough students or secure sufficient finances to operate a minimum program of high quality.

Each institution should set a maximum limit to its enrollment so that a feasible program of education and the financial resources necessary to finance it can receive the major attention that it requires.

IV. RECRUITMENT AND ADMISSIONS

A. Recruitment

The Mississippi Baptist Colleges are very similar so far as procedures in recruitment are concerned. Only Mississippi College and William Carey have persons employed fulltime in this capacity. Blue Mountain employs a young woman who visits the various high school on high school career days. Clarke does not have a recruitment person employed as such.

The main sources of contact with prospective students are: churches and pastors; ACT listings, the high schools, especially those that have high school counselors; other students enrolled in the respective schools; alumni, admission centers and the provision of scholarships. In addition, each college provides some on-campus programs whereby prospective students are brought to the campus.

Brochures are used by each college to inform prospective students concerning campus life, purpose, etc. Follow through is done by mail or by personal contact. Generally a letter is sent to a student where there is a lead asking for an appointment. By this means the personal contact is made. When various high schools write for appointments, the college follows through on the request. They also invite students to the campus who have indicated an interest in the school.

B. Faculty Salaries

Since faculty salaries are the largest single item of expenditure for educational and general purposes in our colleges, this item requires careful study.

When the faculty salaries paid by Mississippi Baptist colleges are compared with those paid by the Mississippi public colleges and universities, the findings are not too discouraging. It is a different matter, however, when the comparison is made with salaries in colleges and universities in the nation as a whole. Inasmuch as competition for qualified scholars is not limited to Mississippi, full account must be taken of faculty salaries without regard to geographic limitation.

In 1962-63 the average budgeted salary for a professor in the three senior Baptist colleges was \$6,400; while that of a professor in Mississippi public colleges and universities was \$7,152—a difference of approximately 11%. In 1966-67 the Mississippi Baptist senior college professor, on the average, was paid \$8,628; whereas, the Mississippi public college professor received \$9,469, or 9.7% more. From this we see that the Mississippi Baptist college professor's salary gained a few points on that of the Mississippi public college and university professor's salary over the years 1962-63 to 1966-67.

The average salary of all ranks of teachers in Mississippi Baptist senior colleges compared even more favorably with the average of all ranks of teachers in the Mississippi public senior colleges and universities. In 1962-63 these were \$5,165 and \$5,316 respectively. In 1966-67 they were \$6,732 and \$7,213 respectively.

The one Mississippi Baptist junior college, Clarke Memorial, pays an average annual salary of \$4,947 (1966-67). It is estimated that the salaries in the public junior colleges in Mississippi are approximately 12-15 per cent higher than at Clarke.

With the differences here noted between the salaries paid by public institutions and Baptist institutions in Mississippi it seems clear that the Baptists are in no position to recruit and retain qualified faculty members to say nothing of the lack of ability to secure faculty members of outstanding quality.

When considered in view of faculty salaries generally, the situation of the Mississippi Baptist Colleges is even more serious. According to the most recent nation-wide data available, the salaries paid in liberal arts colleges in the nation were as follows in Table 8.

TABLE 8

AVERAGE SALARIES OF PROFESSORS IN LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGES IN THE UNITED STATES IN 1962-64

Type of Institution	Average Professor's Salary
Private (Nationwide)	\$11,332
Public (Nationwide)	15,904
Mississippi Baptist	7,628
Mississippi Public	9,467

It seems clear that unless extraordinary measures are taken to improve faculty salaries substantially, the Mississippi higher institutions will be unable to maintain a creditable place in the academic world. This condition should be faced frankly by the colleges and by the Convention.

We do ourselves and our institutions a great disservice if we close our eyes to the gravity of the problem of attracting and retaining qualified faculty members.

A program should be developed and implemented to "catch up" in salaries in the next year or two by providing substantial increases in order to narrow the gap that now exists. After that, the normal current increments might suffice.

C. Income

Mississippi Baptist colleges generally derive their income for educational and general purposes from five principal sources. These are:

1. Tuition and Fees from Students
2. The Mississippi Baptist Convention (Cooperative Program Receipts)
3. Endowments
4. Gifts and Grants
5. Other Sources

With the steadily advancing costs of all the elements essential to the provision of educational services, a sound balance among these sources is highly important. The tendency has been to increase tuition and fees in order to meet the demands of increased budgets.

In many private four-year colleges the income derived from students' fees run as high as 60 to 70 per cent. It is recommended, however, that in Baptist colleges this item be held to approximately 50 per cent. A greater percentage from this source tends to make the cost of college education prohibitive to increasing numbers of students.

The percentage of income for educational and general purposes from student fees in the Baptist colleges in Mississippi is shown in Table 9.

TABLE 9

PERCENTAGE OF INCOME FOR EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL PURPOSES FROM STUDENT FEES IN MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST COLLEGES

Institution	1962-63	1966-67	1966-68
Mississippi College	57.3	65.8	66.5
William Carey College	48.0	51.9	72.0
Clarke	36.4	32.2	38.6
Blue Mountain	43.2	45.4	56.9

It should be noted that in each of the colleges the percentage of operating income derived from tuition and fees has been increased during the past five years. Unless larger income can be secured from sources, the cost to students will necessarily continue to increase.

It is observed that in most of the states the percentage of current operating income that is received from Convention funds tends to remain fairly stable at 18 to 20 per cent of the total income.

Gifts and grants are a source that can vary from year to year, depending upon the effectiveness of the promotional program of a given institution. Many institutions are securing substantial funds from individual organizations, and foundations.

Endowment funds are considered a necessary source of income for a stable institution. The accrediting associations recommend a minimum of \$4,000 of productive endowment per full time student. Thus, for

a student body of 1,000 students the minimum endowment should be \$4,000,000.

The endowment incomes of Mississippi Baptist colleges for 1965-66 were as follows:

Institution	Income From Endowment	Per Cent of Total Educational Income	Endowment Per Student Income
Blue Mountain	\$56,965	15.7	\$167.10
Clarke	29,859	12.6	\$2.94
Mississippi College	96,201	6.8	\$6.82
William Carey	46,248	6.8	\$9.37

These figures when considered in relation to the actual income per student dramatically indicate the relatively small amounts that are derived from endowments except in the case of Blue Mountain College.

Assuming a return of 4 to 5 per cent from invested funds, the recommended endowment of \$4,000 per student should provide \$180 to \$200 per student each year. Because of its extremely low enrollment, Blue Mountain endowment income of \$167.10 per student approached this amount. In none of the other institutions is anything like this amount received.

A further indication is shown by comparison with 353 other private liberal arts colleges. A recent Government Report shows the estimated endowment income as a per cent of the basic educational expenditures in 1962 to be 15.4 per cent.(1)

(1) College and University Endowment, Office of Education U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, OE-53024, p.5.

It seems clear that if our institutions are to survive during the next two decades, they must secure endowment funds that approximate the recommended \$4,000 per student. It is strongly urged that endowment funds be secured to meet the suggested minimum as early as possible.

Stated in terms of percentages, the income from the major sources should be approximately as follows:

Tuition and Fees	50 per cent
Convention	20 per cent
Gifts and Grants	18 per cent
Endowment	10 per cent
Other	2 per cent

According to the standards of the Southern Association of Colleges, the minimum per student income for basic educational and general purposes in a college of a thousand full-time students should be \$800. In our own senior Baptist colleges the total income per student exceeds this minimum amount by more than \$100 on an average. Since the income from endowment funds in our senior colleges is generally much below that enjoyed by the average Southern Association College, the income required from student fees is \$50 higher and the income required from other sources is \$80 higher on an average per student. However, at Clarke Memorial Junior College the total income per student is \$48 less than the suggested minimum due largely to the exceedingly small amount derived from student fees, even though its income from all other sources is \$73 higher per student when compared to other junior colleges of the Southern Association.

D. Expenditures

Expenditures for Educational and General Purposes for each of the colleges are shown in Table 10. In three cases, the amounts shown for 1966-67 are budgeted figures rather than actual because the auditors' reports were not complete at the time the tabulations were made. It should be noted that these figures do not include any items related to auxiliary services, but are for the educational program. Amounts are given to the nearest dollar.

It is noted that the annual expenditures increased during the period from 30.3 per cent at Clarke to 60.4 per cent at Blue Mountain.

The average annual increase was as follows:

Blue Mountain	12.1 per cent
Clarke	6.1 per cent
Mississippi College	7.0 per cent
William Carey	6.5 per cent

In consideration of both the factors of enrollment growth and increased costs of all elements in instruction, these advances must be considered as conservative.

E. Financial Aid to Students

Financial aid to students constitutes a significant part of the operation of our Baptist colleges. The extent of aid provided during the fiscal year 1965-66 is shown in the following table:

TABLE 11

FINANCIAL AID TO STUDENTS IN MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST COLLEGES 1965-66

INSTITUTION	Total Enrollment	Receiving Aid Number	Percent	Amount
Blue Mountain	341	171	50	\$ 22,474.65
Clarke	360	127	35	19,951.85
Mississippi College	1,063	954	56	264,680.05
William Carey	779	476	61	213,617.00
TOTAL	3,173	1,728	54.1	\$520,723.50

The average amount per student aided was:

Blue Mountain	\$131.43
Clarke	\$157.10
Mississippi College	\$277.44
William Carey	\$445.77

In listing the sources of funds for aid to students, only William Carey accounted for all such funds and identified them as to source. It is assumed that amounts not identified as to source in the other institutions were derived from miscellaneous "other" sources.

While funded scholarships appear in each of the colleges they do not constitute a large proportion of the total funds for student assistance. Student loans provide the largest single source except in Blue Mountain College.

It is clear that financial assistance is a large factor in the recruitment of students. There are indications that this factor will continue to increase in importance. It is suggested that gifts from organizations and individuals are a fruitful source for increased student aid funds.

Cooperative action among the institutions could

be helpful in developing fairly uniform policies regarding student aid practices and are strongly recommended by the committee.

F. Budget Administration and Accountancy

The operation of an institution of higher learning is complex in many respects. The administration of the educational program, the operation and maintenance of the physical plant, the numerous services to students, the general program of promotion and the management of financial affairs — all of these require competent administration and management.

A vital part of the operations of our colleges pertains to the budgeting and handling of monetary matters. Each of the Mississippi Baptist institutions responded to questions relating to its fiscal responsibility.

In every instance the budget is prepared after analyzing the needs of the various departments by means of conferences with the persons in charge of the various areas. The President, business manager, and academic dean then reduce the estimates of funds to a considered minimum. Estimates of anticipated income are kept conservative. The projected figures are carefully analyzed and reviewed by the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees and subsequently presented to the full Board of Trustees.

All four of the Mississippi Baptist colleges have operated on balanced budgets for several years. Thus, time has proven the annual budgets of each to be sufficiently conservative.

The Business Manager of each institution is the chief advisor to the President in budgetary matters. Strict controls in the form of requisition orders attached to the copy of items that are covered by the budget are procured from the business office and are kept on file for later audit. Routine expenditures such as salaries, insurance, utilities, maintenance supplies, etc., are handled by the Business Manager with close reference to the budget amount of each item. With few exceptions, expenditures are kept within budget requirements.

All acceptable practices and controls are exercised in the receipt and disbursement of funds. In no instance have independent firms of auditors, which are used by the various institutions, suggested that other safeguards are needed in receiving or disbursing funds.

Purchases for each institution are made by one authorized person in the office of the Business Manager. It appears that each is exercising the closest scrutiny in these matters. No policy seems to exist in regard to accepting bids and choosing the lowest bidder in making purchases. To follow such a procedure may be impractical due to the nature of the many purchases made by colleges. However it is possible that savings could be effected by the collective bargaining power of our institutions in regard to insurance, utility rates, vehicles, foods, books, etc.

The committee concludes that the colleges are doing a good job as far as they go in fiscal matters and recommends that:

1. The colleges walk together more closely as a group in sharing ideas and pooling certain resources that individual members possess.
2. All the colleges adopt a uniform fiscal year.
3. All the colleges adopt uniform accounting nomenclature and use it rather than lumping or grouping several items in budgets, audits, etc.

Certainly closer cooperation in these areas would produce wholesome results.

G. Physical Plant Needs to 1960

Any long range plan must include a reasonable estimate of the physical plant needs of Mississippi Baptist higher educational institutions. Buildings and other facilities require substantial funds which must be obtained in addition to funds for current operation.

Each Baptist college was requested to submit a list of its anticipated needs for new facilities to the year 1960. Each listed these needs under two main headings—educational and non-educational and in order of priority. A summary of these needs is set forth in Table 12.

TABLE 12

PHYSICAL PLANT NEEDS FOR MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST COLLEGES TO 1960

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In order that a more realistic projection of budgetary needs may be provided, the following projections in Table 1B are made by applying the factor of a 7 per cent annual increase. Such an annual increase seems imperative if the colleges are to provide educational services of even minimum acceptable quality.

TABLE 15

PROJECTED BUDGETS FOR EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL PURPOSES FOR MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST COLLEGES

Year	Methodist College	Bible Mountain	Clarke	William Carey
1966-67	\$1,505,600	\$370,800*	\$184,800*	\$672,400
1967-68	1,610,822	365,800	197,735	720,538
1968-69	1,723,781	423,612	211,215	770,975
1969-70	1,844,403	453,267	226,000	824,943

*Special note should be taken of the fact that Clarke experienced a decline in budget and in enrollment in 1966-67. If this is overcome, projected budgets will be larger.

These figures allow for no annual growth factor whatsoever. They do assume that the minimum recommended annual expenditure per student will be increased.

Thus it may be seen that, without providing for any increase over the present enrollments, the requirements would move well along toward the anticipated amounts suggested by the institutions for the next four years. Any growth in student enrollment must be computed and added to these projected figures.

All of these computations point to the fact that the increase in income that must be provided for these institutions must come largely from sources other than tuition and fees. And, whatever increases there are in enrollments will provide for only an approximate 50 per cent of the total budget increase that is due to enrollment.

Mississippi Baptists and also the boards and administrative officers of the colleges must face the fact that income from non-student sources must be greatly increased if the institutions are to survive. It has been conservatively estimated that the operating income should be derived from major sources in the proportions suggested on page 25.

In order to meet the recommended schedule of income the following conditions will be necessary:

1. Student fees will need to be adjusted both as to percentage of the total income and as to amounts in the several institutions.
2. Income from the convention will need to be stabilized at approximately 20 per cent of the total for current operation. Any requirements for debt service, new facilities and other capital funds will need to be increased annually.
3. Gifts and grants from other sources will be required in greater amounts.
4. Endowment funds will have to be increased to an amount equal to approximately \$4,000 per full-time student.

Mississippi Baptists cannot hope to continue the operation of their four colleges even on the basis of present quality unless they increase the present schedule of financial support. In other words, it should be understood that operation on the present financial basis will make it impossible for some of the colleges to continue in the years ahead.

The operation of all of the institutions on the basis of suggested increases in income that will support an educational program of minimum excellence will require a much larger commitment of funds by the Convention.

The institutions should not be expected to put into effect immediately the schedules here suggested. However, commitment to a firm policy on these matters should be made as early as is possible.

Some of the possible alternatives to the provision of adequate support for our Mississippi Baptist Colleges are:

1. Go out of the business of providing Christian higher education.
2. Reduce the scope of the present program by a. closing some colleges, or b. effecting consolidation of two or more colleges.
3. Resign ourselves to the prospect of operating sub-standard non-accredited institutions until such time as they cease to operate.
4. Limit the scope of operation of existing colleges both as to curriculum and enrollment to a point that can be adequately supported by the available financial resources.
5. Release some colleges to other sponsors and sources of financial support.
6. Seek additional funds from foundations, business, and industry.
7. Remove certain institutions to metropolitan centers.
8. Accept federal aid either through loans or grants and grants.

In the face of such alternatives, it is concluded that Mississippi Baptists are going to remain in the business of Christian higher education and must resolve to face realistically the conditions that confront our institutions and boldly consider all feasible alternatives that may be in accord with our basic principles.

VI. COLLEGE DENOMINATIONAL RELATIONS

Mississippi Baptist have generally recognized that their interests are served through the support of Christian higher education. Their position is well reflected in statements of both the Southern Baptist Convention and the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

The Baptist Faith and Message as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1963 states:

"The cause of education in the kingdom of God is coordinate with the cause of missions and general benevolence and should receive along with these the liberal support of the churches. An adequate system of Christian schools is necessary to a complete spiritual program of Christian people."

The constitution of the Mississippi Baptist Convention states:

"The purpose of this Convention is to provide a statewide organization for the Baptists of the state of Mississippi for the promotion of Christian missions throughout the state and any other objects, such as Christian education, benevolent enterprises, and social services, which it may at any time deem proper and advisable."

An understanding of denominational relations as they affect the colleges in Mississippi can best be interpreted by a review of official documents that involve relationships between the denomination and various institutions.

These documents are:

1. The Constitution and By-Laws of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

2. The Charters of Incorporation of the colleges.
3. The Minutes of the action taken by the Convention in session at various times.

The Constitution states that the Convention shall have power and authority to own, and support and control schools and colleges, and to provide for their operation by trustees or other agents.

Under the section of the Constitution entitled The Plan of Organization and Action the specific controls to be exercised by the Convention over the educational institutions are stated:

In general, these controls are:

1. The educational institutions are specified by name.
2. Trustees of the institution shall be elected by the Convention.
3. Sale or final disposal of real estate without specific Convention approval is prohibited. An exception to this provision is that disposition may be made of real estate or other properties received by the institution in the form of bequests or wills, not adjacent to or involved in the immediate operation of the institution.
4. Provisions are made for an Education Commission whose powers and duties are to:

- (a) Have the general oversight of the Convention's program of Christian education.
- (b) Receive, study and evaluate the annual reports and audits of the educational institutions.

(c) Inaugurate, promote and direct any program of examination, survey, research or evaluation of the institutions as may be deemed necessary to the welfare and health of the institutions or the Convention.

(d) Make recommendations through the Convention Board to the Convention concerning all cooperative efforts in the field of Christian education.

(e) Recommend to the Convention Board the percentage of institutional apportionment out of the funds set aside by the Convention for Christian education.

(f) Be the channel through which all matters relating to the total program of Christian education shall be directed.

(g) Evaluate and study any major departure from the established program of any institution, or, any new or additional project or plan involving financial support from the Convention before action by the administration or trustees of the institution.

5. The manner of election and the eligibility of trustees are described.

6. Projection of any new object or enterprise involving the expenditure of money is prohibited until such object or enterprise is approved by the Convention.

7. Construction may be started on no new project involving the expenditure of money until sufficient means are in hand for the completion of such project, except that large projects planned to be completed in units may be begun when means are in hand for the completion of the first unit. Each subsequent unit may then be begun when means are in hand for its completion.

8. Any institution that incurs an indebtedness for current operations is required to reduce its operating budget for the ensuing year by the amount of the deficit and may not increase its operating budget until the deficit has been liquidated.

9. Boards of trustees of institutions are prohibited from executing a lien or otherwise encumbering any real estate or other property under their ownership, supervision or management without previous authorization by the Convention.

10. An annual audit is required with a report of audit to be made to the Convention.

11. A written report of the operation of each institution must be made annually to the Convention.

A review of the Charters of Incorporation of the Baptist Colleges in Mississippi indicates that the charters give due recognition to the responsibility of the boards of trustees in the operation and control of the colleges.

It is a historical fact that the Mississippi Baptist Colleges have operated successfully under the authority granted both by their charters and the constitution of the Convention.

An examination of the minutes of the sessions of the Mississippi Baptist Convention for the past hundred years revealed that while the Convention has almost continually been concerned with the problems of the educational institutions which it has supported, there have been a surprisingly small number of times that the Convention has set policy that should be the prerogative of the trustees of the institutions. In most of these instances there does not seem to have been any real controversy between the Convention and the trustees.

These instances of improper action of the Convention with regard to their educational institutions should decrease as Mississippi Baptists become more perceptive as to the constitutional manner in which the Convention may properly control its institutions.

The questions as to what would be the result of any legal action the Convention might take should trustees of an institution fail to follow a recommendation of the Convention may not be answered until such time that such action would be taken. Of course, over a period of time the Convention in the election of the trustees can change the membership of a board unresponsive to the wishes of the Convention. Withholding financial support, however, is a most effective control in itself.

There is little doubt that to some degree the problems of the colleges are due to lack of adequate communication between the colleges and the constituency. This is in spite of the fact that there has been effort on the part of both to communicate.

The adage is true that to any degree we can inform people to that extent we will have better support from them. There must be confidence on the part of the Baptists of Mississippi that their colleges are being operated under a Christian atmosphere with a definite Baptist approach for the purpose of strengthening the Baptist cause and witness. At the same time the trustees and faculties of our Baptist colleges must be persuaded that the Baptists of Mississippi believe in their colleges and want to give them worthy support.

At a recent session of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, a statement of objectives for Christian education was adopted. The Objectives Arising from Denominational Relationships approved by that Convention was a series of statements to which Mississippi Baptists could well subscribe. Re-stated with particular reference to Mississippi, these are:

1. To make our institutions distinctly Christian in purpose and accomplishment. This means a strong Christian influence constantly permeating

ing the entire institution — its classes, campus, students, faculty, staff, administrators, and trustees.

2. To maintain in our institutions sound doctrinal stability in accordance with Baptist beliefs.

3. To maintain mutually loyal and cooperative working relations with the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

4. To recognize the Christian faith as the unifying center for the explanation of all knowledge.
5. To point out the glaring deficiencies of secularism, the system of thought and philosophy described as the "attempt to organize life apart from God."

The Denomination may reasonably expect each Baptist College to feel that it is a child of the Convention. This relationship requires that there should be a definite commitment on the part of the Administration, faculty and trustees to the Lordship of Christ and to the cause of Christian education. The colleges may reasonably expect from the Denomination adequate support, sympathetic consideration of their problems and understanding of the colleges as institutions with the responsibility for academic excellence as well as Christian commitment. Such relationships cannot be left to mere chance. There must be free interchange of information about the colleges so that the supporting churches may have a sound factual basis for their support.

Effective communications between the Baptist people and their institution must be maintained. This calls for more than an occasional bulletin or a special college day in the churches. Such means are valuable but they must be supported by well-planned continual interchange of information.

High level joint planning by the Education Commission and the Convention Board will be required.

VII. RECOMMENDATIONS

In summary, the Long Range Committee on Christian Education recommends:

1. That the Mississippi Baptist Convention recognize and re-emphasize the vital role its colleges have in developing the capability of the individual and the importance of the educational program to perpetuate the denomination and ensure its fullest growth by providing means for developing leadership (laymen and Christian ministries) to bring mankind into the right relationship with God through Jesus Christ.
2. That each college review the statements of purpose, philosophy, and promises of services contained in the catalog and elsewhere; and, if needed, revise them to provide a realistic description of what the college is and what its objectives are.
3. That the Education Commission re-study the method and formula of allocating Cooperative Program funds for operation of the colleges and give consideration to four basic elements as follows:

- (a) lump sum allocation to each institution regardless of size as a means of allowing for higher costs per student for the first few hundred students,

- (b) quantitative allocation determined on basis of number of regular students with appropriate weights and adjustments for different types and classes of students,

- (c) subject matter differential using actual expenses of the cost of teaching each subject in each college.

- (d) graduate study differential based upon difference in per semester hour costs in departments offering graduate work compared to the average per semester hour costs in the same departments in other institutions offering only undergraduate work, and

- (e) any changes deemed appropriate after careful consideration of these elements be implemented as soon as feasible.

4. That each college inaugurate some form of enrollment control as soon as feasible and establish goals for a minimum enrollment and a maximum enrollment. Authorities accept an enrollment of 500 as a minimum enrollment to support an effective senior liberal arts college. Certain limitations must be faced in the future enrollments of our Baptist colleges. Each institution should consider establishing a maximum to its enrollment to a number so that a feasible program of education and necessary financial resources can receive the major attention it needs to have a distinctive and quality educational program.

It is conservatively estimated that annual budget increases of 12 per cent a year (7 per cent for faculty salary increases and 5 per cent for growth) will be needed. This seems unrealistic and indicates strongly that enrollment must be controlled and that budget increases be utilized to increase the quality factor.

Setting a goal of a faculty - student ratio of 1 to 20 will assist our institutions to accept only the number of students that are supported adequately.

5. That each college establish admissions standards and requirements for continuance in college so as to permit only those students to enter and remain in our Baptist colleges who indicate both a capacity and a motivation to do satisfactory work. It is strongly suggested that admission standards require graduation from an accredited high school or prescribed equivalent, a minimum score on standardized entrance examinations, acceptable quality work in high school, and that such standards be set at a level as to exclude only those students whose records indicate inability to pass college work.

6. That the administration of each college analyze sources of income and from the analysis formulate objectives, outline plans, and identify responsibilities for its development program.

7. That the Education Commission make an extensive financial efficiency study of all Mississippi Baptist Colleges including comparative credit hour costs of instruction in all subjects, the amounts and sources of funds expended for athletics, and other similar matters.

8. That the colleges commit themselves to a firm policy of deriving educational and general purposes income approximately as follows:

- (a) Student tuition and fees — 30%. A greater percentage from this source tends to make the cost of college education prohibitive to an increasing number of students. Our Boards of Trustees and administrative officers must face the fact that income from non-student sources must be greatly increased.

- (b) Endowments — 10%. Endowment funds

are a necessary source of income for a stable institution. Authorities consider \$4,000 of productive endowment as a minimum per student. It seems clear that if our institutions are to survive in the next two decades, they must secure endowments that approximate \$4,000 per student minimum. Generally they are woefully lacking of the minimum.

- (c) Convention (Cooperative Program Receipts) — 20%.

- (d) Gifts and grants from individuals, organizations, and foundations — 18%.

- (e) Other — 2%.

A sound balance among sources of income for educational and general purposes is highly important.

9. That the Education Commission in concert with the colleges develop and implement a curricula pruning and care program. The number of undersized classes in our Baptist Colleges is sufficiently large to warrant serious study and affirmative action—weed out courses not needed, add needed new courses, eliminate duplicate courses, change level of content of some courses, reduce the number of majors, change degree requirements, etc.

Our colleges must secure faculty members with doctorates in certain areas or discontinue the practice of allowing students to major in those areas.

- Inter-institutional cooperative arrangements with our Baptist colleges and public and private colleges in the locality whereby students desiring majors in departments rarely used may be accommodated needs to be fully explored.

10. That the Convention designate Mississippi College as the college that should be the major center for graduate work and that it proceed only in those areas of graduate work where academic excellence, financial resources, library, laboratory and research facilities are commensurate with prevailing standards.

11. That the colleges, working with the Education Commission, develop a sound policy governing all aspects of financial aid to students and that such policy be appropriately publicized. Student financial assistance (loans, scholarships, etc.) is a major factor in recruitment and retention of students. Efforts should be intensified to provide funded scholarships in order to guard against the practice of deriving scholarship funds from educational and general purposes income.

12. That wholesome results can be produced by inter-institutional cooperation in the following fiscal matters:

- (a) adoption of a uniform fiscal year.
- (b) adoption of uniform accounting nomenclature and procedures such as that recommended by American Council on Education.

- (c) adoption and/or establishment of uniform policies regarding purchasing policies and procedures including bids for specified dollar volume.

- (d) pooled purchasing of items where practical (insurance, books, food services, etc.)

13. That extraordinary measures be taken to substantially upgrade faculty salaries, otherwise, Mississippi Baptist colleges will be unable to maintain a creditable place in the academic world. Essentially, our colleges are in a financial position to recruit and retain an adequate number of qualified faculty members to say nothing of the lack of ability to secure faculty members of outstanding ability.

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Hosea 4: 8-10

Hosea declared the word of God to a nation "joined to idols." The people of the Northern Kingdom had been enticed by the lure of many gods and had forsaken Jehovah. Rightfully, therefore, the Lord had a controversy with the wayward people. In chapter 4 of Hosea we have a realistic description of the moral and spiritual degeneracy of the people of Israel.

The Lesson Explained

God's Controversy
4:1-2, 11-12

God's controversy with the children of Israel was both real and right. God had a justifiable case. The people of Israel were guilty of many abominable sins. Their worship of Jehovah had become a farce of ceremony and hypocrisy. Many had turned to Baalism and other forms of idolatry, the very worship of these gods being accompanied by unspeakable lust and immorality. Moral standards were completely ignored—so much so that Hosea said there was "no truth, nor mercy," but instead "swearing, lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery" and constant violence and murder. God could not ignore such great wickedness.

We thus discover the root of the trouble in Israel. It was irreligion—the hearts of the people were alienated from Jehovah. Hosea emphasized this by his repeated charge of whoredom.

Iniquity Ran Riot

8:4, 11-14

Hosea was not a prophet who found satisfaction in condemnation, who delighted to describe the basest forms of wickedness, or who used figures of speech to exaggerate ugly situations. But he felt the obligation of his call from the Lord to declare the spiritual condition of the people. He described the unstable political situation—king after king being assassinated—the struggle for power, and the folly of kings who persisted in courses of evil. From the beginning of the Northern Kingdom, idols of silver and gold had been devised—an open violation of the Second Commandment—and thus the seed of destruction was planted in the

nation's life. The harvest of evil increased. Ephraim—or Israel—"made many altars to sin." The idols and high places were encouragement to practice evil and to break the commandments of God. While sacrifices were offered to Jehovah, he refused to accept them. The people were unwilling to meet the demands of true religion.

Time For Repentance

10:12

God's steadfast love expressed itself in long-suffering mercy and willingness to forgive. Hosea, in God's behalf, challenged the people of Israel to turn from wickedness to righteousness. If they would sow in righteousness, they would reap in mercy. There was need to break up the fallow ground—that is, to let the hardness of their hearts be broken and crushed and made mellow by recognition of their sinfulness, deep contrition before God, and earnest desire for the forgiveness of the Lord. It was time to repent and seek the Lord. If they would do so with sincerity, God would rain righteousness upon them.

Truths To Live By

Evil has a way of capturing the heart.—There is something about evil that is alluring and deceptive. The unregenerated person loves darkness rather than light. And even in the life of the Christian, there is still human weakness and selfish pride and undisciplined passions. Satan never loses an opportunity to appeal to the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life.

Enormity of sin to enormity of judgment.—Persons pursue sin with a passion. Many make crime their business. Multitudes of persons are engaged in trades and vocations designed to encourage iniquity. Christians find themselves bombarded by the ideas of self-indulgence and self-centered pride. How does God feel about such a corrupt and crooked generation? *"How now, so shall they reap."*

People are destroyed by spiritual illiteracy.—If people do not know God, they have no true understanding of themselves, of right and wrong, of the values that give meaning to life, or of the saving grace of God in Jesus Christ. The destruction and ruin of spiritual illiteracy constitute the imperative necessity for teaching the biblical revelation.

Worshippers Must Be Kind

By Bill Duncan
Deut. 22: 1-4; 24: 18-13, 19-22;
Ephesians 4: 30; 5: 2

In the book, *Our Search for Success*, the story is told of a foreigner who could speak but little English, and was recently noticed in Central Park, New York, by a kind-hearted man. He saw that the stranger looked dejected and lonely and thought that the poor man might be in need. To his offer of assistance, the foreigner replied that he did not need money, but that he was very lonely and just hungry for a handshake.

The world is hungry for a handshake, a listening ear, a helping heart, a sympathetic and understanding word, a giving spirit, and a real Christian friendship.

One of the "don'ts" published in a little book for mechanics reads: "Don't forget that the warmth of the hand will increase the diameter of the shaft." If the touch of a human hand can move cold steel, what may we expect when it touches the human being? Something happens when we extend kindness in concern and friendship. The kindness of Christ flows through channels of human fellowship. The loving concern of our Savior is extended through human beings committed to His purpose and divine will.

"Always treat others as you would like them to treat you." (New English Bible, Matthew 7:12). The application of the Golden Rule in speech, actions, and attitudes for one week on the part of any church would change the community until it would be unrecognizable.

The Bond of Brotherhood
The instructions of the law of Moses were not all "Don'ts." One of the strongest features is the kind-spirit it fosters in neighborly relations. The words of Lev. 19:18, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," permeates the book of Deuteronomy. The members of the community stand in covenant relation with both God and men. God's love for Israel led to the inauguration of the covenant relationship. Israel is to love God in return, to be loyal to Him, and to show brotherly love and fidelity to fellow Israelites.

There were reasons offered

for kindly, generous, brotherly attitudes. The book of Deuteronomy says that the motive for such actions is the attitude and deeds of God. God had shown kindness toward a nation: "You shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt." The God of love and mercy requires love and mercy of those who live in fellowship with Him.

There were three areas of kindness that the Israelites were to show kindness:

(1) Lost property of known and unknown members of the community is to be restored as speedily as possible. (22: 1-4). This speaks that we are responsible not only for persons but also their property. One of the serious crimes of our day is disregard for the private ownership of property. Not only should we leave property alone that belongs to another, but we should help protect property of others.

(2) No interest is to be charged on loans of money or goods to one's brother in the community (23: 19-20). Helpfulness, not the desire for profit, should characterize brotherly relationship. The conditions laid down by Moses for the loaning of money or property showed great personal concern for the feelings of other people. If a poor man gave some item of clothing as a pledge, this should be returned before nightfall to give him protection in the cold.

(3) Generosity toward the poor will dictate leaving some of the harvest for gathering by them. (24: 19-22). The harvesters were to refrain from a second harvest in order to provide food for the poor. Kindness toward the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow was shown in order to show thankfulness toward God for His bounty.

Law of Personal Relationship
Ephesians 4: 32

Paul summed up all his advice on banishing from the Christian life the old way of life, with the Law of Personal Relationship. He tells the Christians to be kind. The Greeks defined this quality as the disposition of mind which thinks as much of its neighbor's affairs as it does of its own. Kindness is as concerned with the feeling of other people.

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Proudly trying out their new set of kettle drums, are William Carey College professor, Benjamin Dunford, and music student, Jan Douglas. The drums, purchased at a price of approximately \$500, were a gift to the Carey Crusader Band by the Carey College Alumni Association. The kettle drums will be used in a concert for the first time on December 2 when Homecoming festivities will include a Crusader Band performance.

Church Building Conferences

Church representatives, planning and survey and building committees desiring information and assistance in building, planning, space, property and equipment, may write Dennis E. Conniff, Jr., Church Building Consultant, Box 530, Sun-day School Department, Jackson, Mississippi.

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Calvary Calls

Asst. Pastor

Rev. Gordon H. Sensing assumed his duties on November 1 as assistant pastor with Calvary Church, Jackson. The son of Dr. and Mrs. L. Gordon Sensing of Jackson, he is a graduate of Murray High School, Mississippi College, and New Orleans Seminary. He is married to the former Elease Williams of Jackson, who is a graduate of Murray High School and Mississippi College.

"Some of the traditional impressions are that the Orient is far distant and its life radically different, that its people are aloof and inscrutable, and that missions work there is difficult, slow, and discouraging," he said. "Of course, there are elements of truth in these ideas.

"But the distant has been brought near and the strange made familiar by modern transportation and communication. Except for the Communist-dominated portions, the Orient is remarkably open to new ideas, quite responsive

to the gospel, and strategic both for the present and for the future as its nations ac-

celerate change and move full speed ahead into the modern world.

"The central consideration, however, is neither the traditional picture nor the new and growing progressive element, but rather the fact that the Orient's millions, its masses, are people with all the usual human viewpoints, needs, and aspirations. Their cultures and conditions provide the framework within which we have the joy of sharing with them the message of eternal life."

Reports show that last year there was more than one baptism for every nine members in the Orient churches related to Southern

DEVOTIONAL

"Digging For Treasures"

By John W. Flowers, Pastor, First, Senatobia

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God . . ." II. Tim. 2:15a. "Who hath a book, has friends at hand . . ."

One may be shut away from international events, and limited to the thrills of world travel, but within the confines of his living room he may seem to drift with the Taj Mahal in the blue of the Indian sky. He may be swept away in the gay volatile air of the Roman Coliseum in the festivities of the ancient world; or glide across the empty expanses of desert as the Bedouin silently steals way into the night; or smell the sweetness of the breeze ebbing into the warmth of the South Seas; or even yet be propelled into the wildest imaginations of the future or space while traveling the pathway of the library.

Books hold the cherished recipe of happiness; challenging guideposts in one's journeys toward the infinite; or the bright star to which he may hitch a wagon. Always they provide a vine-covered arbor under which we may find peace, poise, and contentment. For, "the best cosmetic in the world is an active mind that is always finding something new."

One becomes richer when the mind has been inspired by works that influence the thinking; by books that enliven the sensitivity to life's deeper meaning; by word pictures to arouse from lethargy and even wild imaginations that exalt by strengthening the heart and restoring the soul. To leave books untouched, undisturbed on the shelves to gather dust and provide food only for the moth is to find one dying of thirst within reach of water, or to become a hermit while being pressed by the multitudes.

Life's grandest symphony is to be enjoyed in the mind and soul of those who gather unto themselves books containing the rare compositions of those who have dared to dream and to see visions.

With books, pause long to enjoy the formal gardens of life and pluck a rose for Eden's lingering fragrance; or taste the wine of the golden apple. Sip the refreshing water of the eternal spring while on the mountain height, and let the soul soar while sharing the view of a mind-expanding horizon.

Your journey through the pages of good books gives light like the rays of heaven in their clearness, a vastness like the bosom of the sea, and a variety like the four seasons of nature.

All are born, all die, all lose loved ones, most marry and nearly all work, but the significance of these acts vary enormously as we give meaning and vision to the common existence by travel through the pages of books full of the inspiration of genius.

Set your highest ideals to a devotion to the right that never swerves; to a religion full of trust and hope and love, and to such a philosophy this world will give all the joy it possesses.

"O for a Booke and a shadie nooke,

Ether in-a-door or out;

With the grene leaves whispering overbede,

or the streefe cryes all about;

Where I smale Reade all at my ease

Both the Newe and Olde,

For a jolie goode Booke whereon to looke

Is better to me than glode."



"WE'RE GOING, TOO!" These children from the three-year nursery are among 114 Southern Baptist MKs (missionary kids) whose parents are currently in orientation at Ridgecrest (N.C.). (Photo by Kenneth R. Bragg)

Names In The News

Rev. and Mrs. Bill Duncan of Jackson are the parents of a new son, Mark Joseph, born October 25, weighing 6 lb., 3 oz. Their older son, John, is four. Mr. Duncan is business manager of the Baptist Record.

Rev. Jack D. Edmonds, who

serves as crusade director for C. E. Autrey, Jack Stanton, and Eual Lawson, of the

Division of Evangelism of the

Home Mission Board, will be

continuing with these

crusades, but is opening a

new office and will be available

in 1968 to direct a limited

number of city and area-wide

crusades. He will have two

offices: Eastern office, Box

263, Montreal, North Carolina

28757; Western office, First

Southern Baptist Church, SE

28th and Sunnyside Lane; Del

City, Oklahoma. Counties or

associations desiring further

information may contact either

of the above addresses.

John E. Roberts, Editor of

The Baptist Courier, in Green-

ville, South Carolina, has been

named to the Board of Develop-

ment at New Orleans Baptist

Theological Seminary. Roberts

joins a group of some

seventy lay men and women

from 11 states who have

pledged themselves to under-

girding and supplementing the

work of Christian education at

the Seminary in New Orleans.

Dr. James W. Middleton,

pastor of First Church,

Shreveport, Louisiana was the

featured speaker of the Fel-

lowship Dinner of First

Church of Canton in its 1967

Forward Program of Chris-

tian Stewardship. Rev. J. L.

Taylor is pastor of First, Can-

ton.

Dr. Sampey Dies
In South Carolina

Dr. John R. Sampey, Jr., son of an outstanding former president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and of the Southern Baptist Convention, died in late October. He was for more than 30 years a member of the faculty at Furman University. In his death, Southern Baptists lost an able and respected layman.

The Baptist Courier, South Carolina Baptists' state paper, stated concerning him, "Dr. Sampey received nationwide recognition as an outstanding scientist and teacher. He was equally recognized as a Christian statesman. His influence will long be felt among South Carolina Baptists. His greatest contribution was the witness of a patiently determined fight to lead a rich life of Christian service during 18 years of affiliation."

His former pastorate have been in Tate and Tallahatchie counties and in Lamar County, Texas. Mrs. Mullan is the former Jo Ann McMinn of Courtland. They have one daughter, Patricia Ann, age 16.

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Rev. Allen M. Mullan
Belen Church
Calls Pastor

Rev. Allen M. Mullan has been called by the Belen Church and he and his family have moved into the redecorated pastorum.

Mr. Mullan grew up in Baltimore, Maryland. He was graduated from the Southwestern Baptist Seminary in 1967.

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